McHenry County Economic Development Corporation
2019 Year in Review



# **The Future of McHenry County**

Creating Workplaces for Our Children and Their Children







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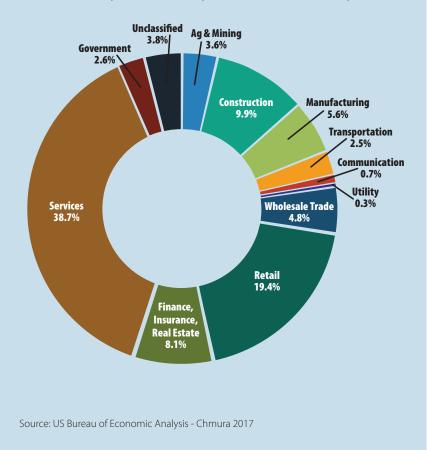
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## **McHenry County's 2019 Business Overview**



# **McHenry County Business by SIC**



### **Business Summary\***

Busir	nesses	10,198
Empl	oyees	131,677
Whit	e Collar	<b>62.5</b> %
Blue	Collar	21.1%
Servi	ces	16.4%

### **Educated Workforce\***

2019 Education for Ages 25+ Graduate | Professional Degree 11.8% Bachelor's Degree 22.9% Associate Degree 9.0% Some College, No Degree 23.5% High School Graduate 22.9% CED/Alternative Credential 3.1% 9 - 12th Grade, No Diploma 4.1% Less Than 9th Grade 2.7%

\*US Census Bureau, ESRI

Charts - Need to recreate!

2019 MCEDC Year in Review by the numbers



- 20 consulted on even 20 long to the priority
  - 20 Consulted on over 20 long term priority projects impacting the county
  - 131 Conducted 131 business visitations to identify the status of business and pulse of the region
  - 204 Created 204 customized demographic and specialized data reports for business, residents and municipalities
    - 19 Business Champion Nominees and 4 - 2019 Business Champions recognized
  - 400 C-Suite Executives attended the Annual Dinner
    - **3** Hosted 3 roundtables with our 26 municipal and chamber EDGE partners
    - 5 Held 5 strategic creative meetings for Catapult McHenry County branding initiative
    - 7 Collaborated with 7 Regional Partners: Chicago Regional Growth Corp., Metro Chicago Exports, Metro Metals Consortium, Metro West Chicago, Region 1 Planning Council, BMW CEDS, Alliance for Community Development

# **Goals and Mission**

MCEDC's Goal and Mission is to grow our economy and create jobs for our children...and our children's children. We are strategic, lean, technically savy, well led, skilled and focused on providing a positive environment for economic growth.

### Retention

**RETENTION is key** to our goal and mission - we assist businesses to overcome obstacles and support innovation so they stay in McHenry County and provide workforce opportunities.

- One of our most effective tools to provide assistance is our Rapid Response Company Assistance Team (C.A.T.) comprised of leaders from the McHenry County Workforce Network, the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the municipality where the company is located and MCEDC. This group is nimble, focused and very effective.
- MCEDC met with over 130 C suite executives through our Business Visitation Program to keep apprised of issues and concerns of our business community.
- The number one issue of concern continues to be the need for skilled employees. MCEDC supports workforce of the future high school and college programs, such as INCubatoredu, STEM events and robotics teams.
- MCEDC maintains a strong relationship with McHenry County College communicating the skills and needs of local industries.
- EXPANSION is also vital to our mission. MCEDC assists in finding locations and funding sourc-**Expansion** es to meet the needs of our innovating companies...expansions create new opportunities for employment. Partnering with our municipalities and the realtor community, MCEDC helps fast tracks the process. There were over 39 company expansions in 2019.

### Attraction

ATTRACTION of new companies is essential to maintain a diverse industry base and vital in providing new workforce opportunities. In 2019, MCEDC managed and processed 25 site search projects.

- The MCEDC Video Marketing Series debuted at a red-carpet screening in December. Collaborating with McHenry County, Shaw Media, and MCEDC, a series of five 60 second videos were created to showcase and market our unique attributes and exceptional quality of life. Used for recruiting new businesses and workforce talent to the County, they focus on Workforce, Advanced Manufacturing, Health, Visitor Based Economy and an overall county profile. Additional sponsoring partners: Visit McHenry County, Working World Staffing, Home State Bank, Heartland Realtor.org. and Northwestern Medicine.
- Catapult McHenry County is our branding initiative to create an overarching McHenry County Brand to help raise the visibility of McHenry County. It is almost completed and adoption in 2020 is expected. It will help tell the story of McHenry County.
- MCEDC.COM Website Redevelopment. Significantly updated look, feel, functionality and user experience. The redevelopment and update of the MCEDC manufacturing website: illinoismanufacturing.net is planned for 2020.







MCEDC Website Redevelopment

# Driving Technology to Grow Industries of Today, Tomorrow and in to Future!

#### Rt. 23 & I-90

#### Celebrating our first direct interstate access to I-90 in McHenry County!

The \$33.4 million interchange project in Marengo creates opportunities for continued

economic development along Route 23 and opens up access between the Tollway and the northwest suburbs. Partners: Illinois Tollway Illinois Department of Transportation, McHenry County, and the City of Marengo.



**iFiber Infrastructure** – the highway of the future - is vital to keep our current businesses and to attract industries of the future.

It is essential that ALL parts of the county have state of the

art access so that advanced manufacturing and technology companies, as well as our educational community and residents can compete and grow in today's technological centric world. We are currently working with our partners McHenry County and SurfAir Wireless to build the last mile hookup.



**Solar infrastructure** – since MCEDC's solar forum in 2018, there have been over 300 solar projects online or in development. It is affordable, sustainable, improves grid security and is less impactful on the environment.

Huntley School District 158 has recently installed a series of solar panels and estimates \$4.2 million in energy cost savings over the next 20 years. We continue to work with and provide support for solar opportunities in McHenry County as they continue to grow.





#### Robotics Technology is very important to our industries and to the industries of the future.

McHenry County's advanced manufacturing and technology companies see robotics education as important to their future growth. MCEDC is pleased to support our nine local Robotics teams.



#### Manufacturing... McHenry County is a federally designated manufacturing community with over 400 manufacturers

As the largest employment sector in the county, MCEDC created M1 Connect – a series of breakfast meetings throughout the year for manufacturing plant managers. The focus is on growing management leadership skills, solving problems, discussing innovation challenges and sharing technics, the 2019 series was sponsored by Express Employment Prosfessionals.







### Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, MC NEXT will impact our economy and support our entrpreneurs.

**WHAT MC NEXT,** created by the McHenry County Economic Development Foundation, is an entrepreneurial development program to ensure the next generation of entrepreneurs are located and nurtured in McHenry County.

**WHY** Our current business base was started several generations ago by entrepreneurs who took a leap of faith and created many of the exceptional businesses we have today. In addition to the obvious benefits of such a program, there are many indirect benefits:

- building a broader base of industries and businesses;
- creating a talent pool for recruiting to the existing business community;
- increasing the tax base and lower the individual tax burden;
- creating a greater sense of community for residents because businesses located locally reduce commuter times;
- raising the visibility of McHenry County as a center of innovation and small business success;
- and positively contributing to the quality of life in McHenry County.

**HOW** It will provide a base to combine resources and support services while knitting together a large group of existing businesses that can help elevate the success of the entrepreneur and provide answers to some of the common startup problems which, in the entrepreneurial life cycle is the first three years or *startup* period. We will provide the support needed to help accelerate and scale a startup into a sustainable growing business including:

- Teaching basic business practices
- Developing working prototypes
- Finding mentors and advisors
- Providing access to capital (while the first phase of development funding is usually from friends and family, the second phase of finance is almost always Angel investment or strategic partner companies)
- Creating a production pipeline where engineering and design shops who can help with prototypes and product development
- Assisting with business plans
- Facilitating distribution channels
- Finding seasoned mentors

**MC NEXT** will be similar to entrepreneurial programs across the country which have successfully generated thousands of jobs...and impacted economies. The MCED FOUNDATION will bring that model of success to McHenry County though **MC NEXT.** 

MC NEXT will help drive the future of McHenry County's economic success



Keynote speaker for the 2019 MCEDC Annual Dinner, Thomas Frey, Futuriest speaker and founder of the DaVinci Institute



Accepting the award for Ethereal Confections, Michael Ervin



Accepting the award for Burnex Inc., Chuck Duha



Accepting the award for Corporate Disk Joe Foley



Accepting the award for Camfil USA, Patricia Lamberg

# **2019 MCED Business Champions**

For the past twelve years, MCEDC has recognized outstanding companies who have positively contributed to McHenry County's economy and who have exhibited business acumen and vision. Judging is conducted by a panel of independent and unbiased business leaders residing outside of McHenry County.

The 2019 Business Champion Award winners were announced at the MCEDC 28th Annual Dinner on November 5, 2019. Over 400 business leaders attended the event with keynote speaker, Thomas Frey, Futurist speaker and Da Vinci institute founder.

In the category of fewer than 24 employees, Ethereal Confections of Woodstock won the award. Ethereal Confections is a bean- to-bar chocolate and confections manufacturer and café, and was founded in 2011 by owners Sara Miller, and brother and sister, Michael and Mary Ervin. Ethereal recently moved to a new site in Woodstock and now has a food-forward café, a speakeasy and event space for up to 100 people. Ethereal participates in a jobs program for individuals with developmental disabilities as well as hosts numerous students for internships and hands-on training. Every single chocolate bar they produce is a billboard for McHenry County- they all say "Made in Woodstock, Illinois" – and are enjoyed by tens of thousands if customers nationally and internationally.

**In the mid-size company category of 25 to 100 employees,** Burnex Corporation of Ringwood received the award. Burnex Corporation is a world-class leader in manufacturing of precision metal stampings, wire forms, and intricately designed custom and standard metal parts for a wide range of industries and applications. The company is in the process of adding a 21,000 square foot addition to their existing building, bringing their total square footage to over 55,000 square feet. Burnex, along with other county manufactures and McHenry County College, is involved in a concerted effort to attract more youth to the trades.

In the large category of companies that employ 101 to 299 employees, the 2019 Business Champion award was presented to Corporate Disk of McHenry. Since 1984, Corporate Disk Company of McHenry, has delivered inspiration and specialized knowledge to their clients by providing printing, manufacturing and fulfillment solutions in the form of manufacturing and duplicating media- such as CD's/DVD's/USBs, all different types of printing, packaging, and other related product sourcing. They manage critical client projects, product launches, handle daily product fulfillment, and distribute their clients' products directly to their customers all around the world. Corporate disk recently expanded into a second facility in McHenry and now has 175,000 square feet, and ships 15,000 products a day to end users around the world.

**In the category of over 300 employees,** the award went to Camfil USA, Crystal Lake. Camfil USA is a world leader in the development and production of air filters and clean air solutions providing best-in-class air filtration products and services within four main segments: Comfort Air, Clean Processes, Power Systems and Safety & Protection. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden they have 3,800 employees and sales over \$760 million worldwide with 26 production units and R&D centers in four countries. Due to its significant growth, Camfil has invested \$11 million in the Crystal Lake facility expanding their facility by 50%, creating 135 new jobs, and implementing six new product lines.

MCEDC congratulates all of our business champions finalists, their leadership and the 2019 Business Champions Ethereal Confections, Burnex Corporation, Corporate Disk, and Camfil USA.

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