



Kane County

KC Jobs Committee

Agenda

Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

LEWIS, ALLAN, Bates, Daugherty, Penesis, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Friday, September 12, 2025

10:30 AM

County Board Room

2025 Committee Goals

- Goals from the July Jobs Committee meeting
 - Revise County Code Definition of the Jobs Committee
 - Economic Development Strategic Plan - Begin implementation of the strategies recommenced by the Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan
 - Regional Partnerships - Continue to work with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership and other regional partners on economic development activities
 - Local Economic Development Programs - Continue to meet the objectives of the active ARPA Programs and Grant Programs while actively seeking new opportunities to enhance current programming
- Support for Jobs Committee focusing on the Six Priorities
- Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County
- Implement approved ARPA projects
 - oKane County Economic Development Organization - Launch
 - oFabulous Fox! Water Trail - Launch sites and marketing
 - oFarmer Grants – staff managed grants to local food farmers
 - oTourism – with CVB's
 - oManufacturing – with IMEC
- Support the Kane County Economic Development Organization
- Support County's role in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership
- Continue to strengthened partnerships with economic development efforts by the State of Illinois, municipalities, chambers of commerce and economic development groups
- Continue to network and development partnership for the future Hydrogen economy
- Renew "Made and Kane" series in Kane County Connects featuring companies and products that are made in Kane County
- Continue to apply for additional outside grants

-
- 1. Call To Order**
 - 2. Roll Call**
 - 3. Remote Attendance Requests**
 - 4. Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2025**
 - 5. Public Comment**
-

6. Jobs Committee Priorities

- A.** Ad-Hoc Task Force to Discuss Government Business Policy Improvements i.e., Cutting Red Tape
- B. Resolution:** Recognizing October as Manufacturing Month in Kane County
- C.** Kane County Economic Development Initiatives Staff Updates

7. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division**8. New Business****9. Comments by Co-Chair****10. Reports Placed On File****11. Executive Session (if needed)****12. Adjournment**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

SS.

COUNTY OF KANE)

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-1084

AD-HOC TASK FORCE TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT BUSINESS POLICY IMPROVEMENTS I.E., CUTTING RED TAPE

WHEREAS, Kane County, in partnership with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership, is collaborating with manufacturers, educational institutions and workforce providers, nonprofits, trade associations, and economic development organizations to support and strengthen the region's manufacturing sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board hereby resolve to recognize October as Manufacturing Month and encourages all residents, teachers and students to join in recognizing the important role of manufacturing in our county and to explore careers in manufacturing and related fields.

Passed by the Kane County Board on October 14, 2025.

John A. Cunningham, MBA, JD, JD
Clerk, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Corinne M. Pierog MA, MBA
Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Vote:



RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Recognizing October as Manufacturing Month in Kane County

Committee Flow:

Jobs Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:

Christopher Toth, 630-232-3491

Budget Information:

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Was this item budgeted? N/A | Appropriation Amount: \$N/A |
| If not budgeted, explain funding source: N/A | |
| Was this item passed through the appropriate committee? N/A | |

Summary:

This proclamation recognizes October as Manufacturing Month in Kane County.

Workforce Employed in Small* Manufacturing Companies (%)

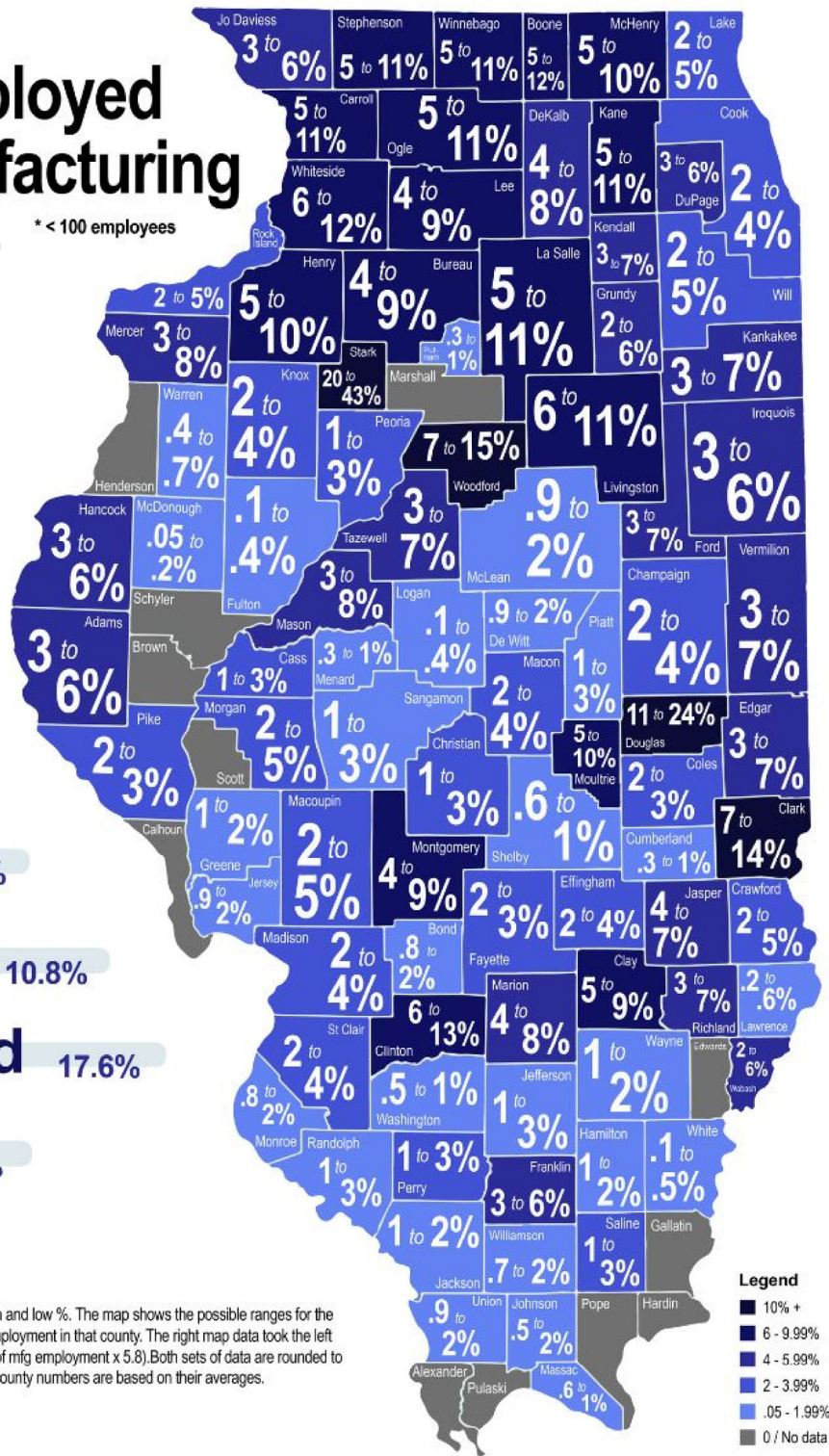
* < 100 employees

Top Counties:

- 1 **Stark** 10.3%
- 2 **Douglas** 10.8%
- 3 **Woodford** 17.6%
- 4 **Clark** 31.9%

Data Explanation:

Legend increments are based on the average of each county's high and low %. The map shows the possible ranges for the percentage of which manufacturing employment makes up total employment in that county. The right map data took the left map data and applied an economic multiplier of 5.8 (high & low % of mfg employment x 5.8). Both sets of data are rounded to the nearest whole number, with the exception of numbers <1. Top county numbers are based on their averages.



Legend

- 10% +
- 6 - 9.99%
- 4 - 5.99%
- 2 - 3.99%
- .05 - 1.99%
- 0 / No data



***based on multiplier effect**

The theory that an initial change in economic variables (i.e. change in employment), can cause a magnified change in the overall economy.

source: <https://nam.org/mfodata/facts-about-manufacturing-expanded/>



| | | | |
|------------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 1 Stark | 185.1% | 4 Clark | 59.6% |
| 2 Douglas | 102.1% | 5 Clinton | 54.1% |
| 3 Woodford | 62.4% | 6 Whiteside | 50.7% |

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

SS.

COUNTY OF KANE)

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-1082

KANE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES STAFF UPDATES

Richardson Electronics in La Fox plans \$8.5M major expansion

Company to get \$8.6M tax credit, commits to retain 190 employees, add 54 new workers

August 25, 2025 at 6:00 am CDT

 Expand



Richardson Electronics Ltd. in LaFox more than \$8.5 million over the next four years to expand manufacturing of its green energy products, power grid and microwave tubes. The company will also get a tax credit incentive for its commitment to job creation. (Richardson Electronics)

By Brenda Schory



 Listen Now: **Richardson Electronics in La Fox plans \$8.**

4:14

1x

 Everlit

Richardson Electronics Ltd. will invest more than \$8.5 million over the next four years to expand manufacturing of its green energy products, power grid and microwave tubes, state officials announced in a news release.

The Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois program will provide Richardson, 40W267 Keslinger Road, La Fox, with an estimated \$8.6 million in tax credits over 20 years, while the company will retain 190 employees and create 54 new jobs.

“Here in Illinois, we’re committed to building a clean energy economy to help power our planet while supercharging the state’s economy,” Gov. JB Pritzker said in the release. “With unmatched infrastructure, a qualified workforce and competitive incentives, Illinois continues to attract clean energy investments from companies like Richardson Electronics, creating new jobs for Illinoisans and strengthening our reputation as a leader in the clean energy economy.”

Richardson Electronics will build upon its existing alternative energy business to develop next-generation energy storage products that support electric grid stability, according to the release.

“Illinois continues to lead the way in clean energy innovation and advanced manufacturing,” Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Kristin Richards said in the release. “Richardson Electronics’ expansion is a testament to that momentum. Through the REV Illinois program, we support companies that are growing their footprint in our state, creating high-quality jobs, and advancing our transition to a clean energy economy here in Illinois.”

Richardson will invest in equipment and structural upgrades to research, develop and produce next-generation battery energy storage system technologies.

These are designed to address brownouts, reduce electricity costs and support renewable energy integration, while demonstrating the commercial viability of long-duration energy storage, according to the release.

The company's battery energy storage system technology is being developed for industries such as manufacturing, health care and critical infrastructure operations.

"We are proud to launch this energy storage system initiative, which reflects our continued commitment to innovation, community impact, and long-term growth," Executive Vice President of Power & Microwave Technologies Group and Green Energy Solutions at Richardson Electronics Greg Peloquin said in the release.

Richardson Electronics will receive a REV Illinois tax credit for its capital investment and commitment to job creation. The agreement also specifies the retention of 190 jobs for the entirety of the agreement period.

"We extend our sincere thanks to Representative Dan Ugaste, Kane County board member Rick Williams, and the team at (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) for their leadership and steadfast support. Their partnership has been instrumental in making this project a reality for Richardson Electronics, our customers, and the people of Illinois," Peloquin said in the release.

Following the state's Economic Growth Plan, the REV Illinois program supports a targeted industry of clean energy production and advanced manufacturing – which continues to grow with assistance from Illinois' leadership, according to the release.

"I am thrilled that DCEO is assisting a local company to grow our workforce using new technological developments that will help our nation and our state," said state Rep. Dan Ugaste, R-Geneva.

In an email, County Board member Rick Williams, R-Blackberry Township, wrote that Richardson Electronics is a leader in its industry "and we are proud they call Kane County home."

“With this agreement, they’ll have resources so they can continue to develop cutting edge technology and be a leader in the energy storage field,” according to Williams’ email. “They will be strengthening and expanding Kane County’s skilled workforce and contributing to our local economy and tax base.”

The full 34-page Richardson Electronics agreement is available online at dceo.illinois.gov.



Brenda Schory

Brenda Schory covers Geneva, crime and courts, and features for the Kane County Chronicle



About Us

Contact Us

Jobs at Shaw Media

Shaw Media

Marketing

Advertise with Us

Privacy Policy

Subscriptions

Subscribe

Manage your

Subscription

Newsletters

More on Shaw Local

Classifieds

Public Notices

Obituaries

Historical Archive

Mobile app

iOS

Android

Follow Us

