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Chamber630 - Woodridge and Downers Grove Chambers Consolidate

The Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce integrated into one new chamber entity last month. The Board of Directors of both chambers have stated that this alliance will result in a tremendous value for area businesses. In addition, this alliance will create economies of scale and efficiencies, legislative leverage and competencies as well as a larger base of business for members.

Marc Hausmann, Executive Committee member and Director of the Downers Grove Area Chamber cited, "It's all about value to the Membership; business has no borders and putting these two successful organizations together will be a great boon to the current Chambers' Membership and the future Chamber Members." The Membership will begin to benefit from some enhancements immediately, such as joint events, increased marketing exposures and a larger client base. As this transition unfolds, it is their goal that the process be transparent and efficient and that the value to the Membership is enhanced.

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"I am excited about the impact that this alliance will have to our Members who will be kept informed through special meetings, website postings, newsletters, etc.," said Dan Coil, Chairman of the Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce. Both organizations intend to maintain a physical presence in their specific Villages and will ensure that all their members will easily fold into the new entity, once created. Laura Crawford, president & CEO of the Downers Grove Chamber noted that collaboration is both a private and public sector trend and certainly part of our 'new normal' as we come out of the recession.

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Enhancing business access to capital is a top priority for the State of Illinois administration and the Illinois Innovation Council. The Brookings Institution recently noted more than 95% of new jobs are derived from business expansion or start up activity.

Starting a new business is an exciting time. It can also be daunting. The questions you face can seem endless: Where will my business be located? What licenses or permits are required?

How do I get financing? The state created a clearinghouse of information on starting a small business, a one-stop shop for all things startup. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website offers additional information that you may want to consider as you think about expanding your business. Whether you are a small business or looking to expand and relocate elsewhere in Woodridge, the website offers additional information here:



<http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/>

According to the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website "small businesses are the backbone of the Illinois economy, and the Great Recession was tough on them. Advantage Illinois will be a shot in the arm to our small businesses. By working with the state's banking community and venture capitalists, we'll get entrepreneurs and small businesses starting up or expanding and creating new jobs at a faster rate". Additionally, Village staff is available to help you through the process and may be contacted at (630) 719-4750 or email Village of Woodridge Planner, Jason Zawila at jzawila@vil.woodridge.il.us.

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If you are interested in expanding your business or relocating elsewhere in Woodridge, the Village maintains an available sites database which you may search on the Village's website.

The Available Sites Search tool is an easy to use interactive map that offers contact information, square footage, and property types that are currently available in the Village.

Visit the Village's available site page by clicking [here](#) or selecting "Economic Development" at www.vil.woodridge.il.us



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