

# Growth Dimensions Organization and Services

Your membership with Growth Dimensions ensures that Belvidere and Boone County's interests will continue to be focused upon within the region and the state. Your ongoing support will also continue the implementation of our strategic initiatives such as the AgTech Initiative, Tollway Station Point Project, and the Kishwaukee Riverfront Development Project. The AgTech Initiative is now a true regional project. Your partnership and collaboration will provide AgTech, along with the other strategic initiatives, the necessary resources to reach its highest potential to succeed throughout northern Illinois. Recognizing and supporting the vision of our community will continue to bring high value to the entire region.

- Growth Dimensions, serving as a public/private organization focusing on promoting the Belvidere-Boone County area for new economic growth and development, provides the following resources and services to promote and market the area for new investments:
  - Site Selector Information Database
  - Advocate and Liaison Role
  - Enterprise Zone Administration
  - Regional Development Partner
  - Boone County Manufacturer Network
  - Business Visitation Program
  - Business Recruitment
  - Economic Development Related Events and Tours
  - Special Initiative Projects
- Growth Dimensions is designated as 501C(6) corporation.
- Growth Dimensions established the Growth Dimension Opportunity Fund, a charitable Fund at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois in 2004. Its purpose is to provide resources for programs and projects of Growth Dimensions in Belvidere and Boone County. Contributions to this Fund are tax deductible to the full extent of the law and can be made at any time during the year.

## Mission

**The mission of Growth Dimensions is to provide a progressive and cooperative environment which improves the quality of life by fostering Economic Opportunity and Personal Growth**

This is addressed by the following objectives:

- Targeting and focusing efforts to attract quality development that adds to the local tax base and contributes to the local economy by creating higher paying jobs;
- Diversification of the property tax base away from residential and toward commercial and industrial development;
- Increasing the amount of private sector investment in the communities;
- Improving the competitiveness of the communities to enhance economic development;
- Marketing the area effectively to potential investors, and;
- Advocating cooperative efforts to address common problems of the communities within the region.



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# Investing

## to Improve the Quality of Life



## by Fostering Opportunities for Economic Growth



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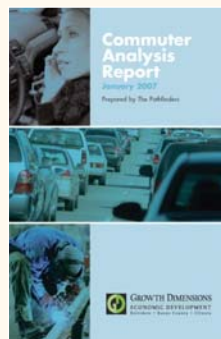
# What Our Benefits Offer You

## Sponsorship and Special Event Recognition Opportunities

Growth Dimensions hosts an annual meeting event each year. Platinum level members are automatically given sponsorship recognition and a corporate table at the event. Growth Dimensions will also hold quarterly membership events and members will have an opportunity for additional sponsorships. Growth Dimensions hosts a variety of events throughout the year that can expose sponsors to entities, individuals and organizations from around the region.

## Informational Services

Growth Dimensions provides information for businesses looking to expand or relocate to the Belvidere-Boone County area. We serve as a resource for available sites and buildings, financial incentives, workforce development, community demographics and infrastructure data. We serve as a frontline resource for corporate site selectors as they gather and compare community information, and we strive to provide a vast amount of accurate comparable data to avoid elimination from potential investment and job creation opportunities.



## Leadership Opportunities

Platinum and Gold level sponsors are granted a seat on the Growth Dimensions board of directors. The board meeting and events provide network opportunities for decision makers in the public and private sector. Platinum level sponsors will also have the opportunity to participate in an Executive Advisory Council. The council will consist of CEO and executive level private sector representatives and chief elected officials, which would meet on an annual or bi-annual basis.

## Strategic Initiative Involvement

Growth Dimensions coordinates and manages strategic initiative projects identified in the Belvidere-Boone County Economic Development Strategic Plan. The projects greatly benefit the entire region and have made great strides in implementation. The initiatives include: AgTech/New

Uses Entrepreneur Development Center, Tollway Station Point, and Kishwaukee Riverfront Development. Growth Dimensions is also represented on the Northern Illinois Commuter Transportation Initiative executive committee.

## Customized Research and Reports

Growth Dimensions provides customized information on area demographics, local and regional labor and employment statistics, retail statistics and industry trends. Data is also available for industry clusters, workforce availability and commuter analysis, taxes and utilities.



## Website Presence

Growth Dimensions' website is information driven, providing site selectors, corporate brokers and corporate decision makers with accurate comparable data about the Belvidere-Boone County community. The website also contains community news and details on the Growth Dimensions organization and its strategic initiatives. Platinum level sponsors will receive special recognition on the website homepage. Beginning at the silver level, members will receive a premium listing, which includes detailed contact information, company logo and description. All members will receive a web link to individual web sites.

## Monthly Economic Development Newsletter

Growth Dimensions distributes an electronic newsletter on a monthly basis. Platinum level sponsors will

have the opportunity to be featured in one newsletter a year. The newsletter highlights the current economic development projects, related events and industry news.

## Annual Report Recognition

Growth Dimensions published an annual investor report highlighting the accomplishments and progression of the economic development organization and its strategic initiatives. Member investors and their levels are recognized in the report.

## Membership Plaques and Certificates

Gold and Platinum level sponsors will receive a membership plaque noting their level of membership. Silver, Bronze and Associate members will receive a certificate. Both items are distributed on an annual basis.

## A Message From Our Investors

### Chrysler LLC

"Growth Dimensions is a tremendous resource for any business seeking assistance in locating or expanding in the Belvidere/Rockford region.



CHRYSLER

Belvidere-Boone County is to be commended for its ability to bring together all of the strategic partners needed to facilitate the alignment of our expansion project, all within a short period of time, and make it a success."

- Patrick Lindsey, Sr. Manager State Relations Chrysler LLC



### Alpine Bancorporation, Inc.

The private sector investment in Growth Dimensions not only helps the economic environment of the community, but it also comes back in the form of a positive impact on all of the companies that invest in economic development efforts. Growth Dimensions is about creating a healthier and more diversified economy, which is a positive for all of those involved in the private sector throughout the Belvidere and Boone County area.

- Rob Funderburg, Chairman Alpine Bancorporation, Inc.

### General Mills

"During the past 5 years, Growth Dimensions has been extremely helpful in securing several large expansions at our facility. This organization is a CLEAR voice for the business community. Growth Dimensions works hard to make Belvidere an attractive community to do business in. I have found them to be very knowledgeable and well networked with local and state agencies! They are a true asset to our community!"



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- Vince Castle, Plant Manger General Mills

### SwedishAmerican

"Smart growth enables our region to enhance the exceptional quality of life that we all enjoy. Growth Dimensions has been and continues to be one of the critical components for success not only in Boone County but throughout northern Illinois. From its key role in the expansions at Chrysler and General Mills to creating cost effective and doable transportation plans, and most recently helping to bring bio-fuels to the marketplace, Growth Dimension has certainly earned the support and investment of the SwedishAmerican Health System."



- Dr. Bill Gorski, President & CEO SwedishAmerican Health System

### Northern Illinois University

The work of Growth Dimensions has helped foster a healthy economic development climate not only in Belvidere and Boone County but in various communities throughout northern Illinois. Northern Illinois University is pleased with its partnership with Growth Dimensions, which is designed to provide tools that are in turn used to help the organization attract diversified, economic development and quality job opportunities. NIU is happy to be a collaborative partner of Growth Dimensions' strategic initiatives and "smart growth" efforts.



- John Lewis, Associate Vice President Northern Illinois University Outreach