

AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Western Grain Marketing... MAEDCO Board of Directors tours the newly constructed grain shuttle. The MAEDCO Board of Directors and as well as members of the Macomb/McDonough County Enterprise Zone Board filed on a bus the morning of July 14 and traveled Adair for a tour of the 110-unit car grain shuttle in Adair. Charles Brashear, GROWMARK, was the tour guide as the group watched a short video of the construction process and drove around the property. The facility has been under construction for just over a year and is nearing its completion. They expect to begin receiving and



shipping corn this season.

Participants learned that up to 50 trucks will run through the facility daily which is equal to nearly

480,000 bushels of corn. WGM is conducting public tours August 06 and 07 at 9AM and 2PM. Call the facility for more information.

Illinois Enterprise Zone Association Fall Conference... Macomb is the host city for the associations' annual fall conference. Illinois Enterprise zone administrators, city managers and economic developers will travel here (Hampton Inn) September 09-11 to attend the conference. A highlight of the conference will be a tour of local enterprise zone projects, including the Pella Corporation, Western Grain Marketing and the Western Illinois Business & Technology Center.

New MAEDCO Members... Thank you the our newest members: Trotter General Contracting, Inc., Jones Surveying & Engineering Corporation, Terrill Title, the Kelso Brothers and Prestige Communications.

Manufacturers Alert... Wind Supply Chain Workshop coming to Macomb... Make plans to attend this workshop, October 22 at the new Spoon River College Campus in Macomb. This

one-day workshop will provide participants with a fast way to learn the business of this hard-to-grasp industry. The workshop will explain new business opportunities, current global trends, supply chain structure and how to accelerate growth all within the WIND supply chain market. Participants will also learn what WIND original equipment manufacturer's (OEM) look for in their suppliers. The workshop is designed for manufacturers who operate a foundry, forge, machine shop, or fabricating plant, or for those who operate a factory that produces power electronics, control systems, hydraulics, fasteners, brakes, blades, nacelles, or supplemental equipment for the wind industry such as ladders, elevators, hoists, fire-suppression, lighting, or meteorological equipment.

IL336 Public Hearings Scheduled for Macomb, Peoria and Canton... IDOT is will present the final preferred alignment to the public next month. In February 2007, IDOT presented its preliminary preferred alignment for IL336 between Peoria and Macomb. Since then, they've completed all the engineering and environmental work required to present the final preferred alignment. Additionally, a Draft Environmental Impact State (DEIS) has been prepared and is now undergoing its 45-day review. IDOT is scheduled to present the final preferred alignment and DEIS to the public this month. **All three public hearings will be held from 4PM to 7PM**—August 11 (*Peoria*; ITOO Society Hall); August 12 (*Canton*; Ingersoll Middle School); and August 13 (*Macomb*; VFW). Please make an effort to attend at least one of the hearings—Attendance is important!

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