

HELP BUILD A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Do you have a vision of economic development?

Are you a leader willing to work with others to create jobs & revitalize our community?

If so, join us too and be a part of the solution.

For more information on the Quantum Growth Partnership,
please call 217-525-1173 and visit us online at www.gsc.org



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The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.



**Transforming the economy
of Sangamon County**



We have a shared vision of Springfield and Sangamon County for generating economic sustainability, inclusion and community success that will be the envy of our Illinois and Midwest counterparts, and the pride of our children and grandchildren.

As the Quantum Growth Partnership (Q5) enters its second five-year cycle, our leaders are more committed than ever before to ensure Springfield and Sangamon County's long-term economic vitality. Our economic environment demands a focused, aggressive strategy, with solid community buy-in and clear indicators of success. Our strategy, thanks to the participation of civic and business leaders throughout the county, is in place.

Q5 is the economic development arm of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Public, Private and Nonprofit sectors have come together with the following goal: to build the prosperity of Springfield and Sangamon County by making our region more competitive for primary job creation, talent attraction and capital investment.

We will execute five key strategies over the next five years:

- ◆ **Economic Diversification**
- ◆ **Workforce Sustainability**
- ◆ **Community Impact**
- ◆ **Diversity Development**
- ◆ **Transformational Leadership**

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

- ◆ Shovel-ready office & industrial sites that meet market demand
- ◆ A city friendly solution for rail relocation
- ◆ Job growth in our key sectors
- ◆ More support for local entrepreneurs

WORKFORCE SUSTAINABILITY

- ◆ Higher ed offerings aligned with the needs of our growth sectors
- ◆ More direct partnerships between local business and K-12
- ◆ Engage YSPN to help promote our region to young talented workers

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- ◆ Reduction of downtown vacancies
- ◆ Redevelopment of distressed neighborhoods
- ◆ A sound, competitive development policy to promote quality growth
- ◆ Improved aesthetics in Springfield's major corridors
- ◆ Tourism collaborations that strengthen our appeal to visitors
- ◆ A buy-local challenge to bring more business to local companies

DIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Continued redevelopment in East Springfield
- ◆ Business mentoring and micro-loans for minority entrepreneurs
- ◆ An increase in minority leaders on regional boards and commissions

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- ◆ Q5 Strategic Leadership Council identified as a change-agent for Springfield and Sangamon County
- ◆ Focusing the know-how and commitment of our best private- and public-sector minds on our biggest problems and key opportunities



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