

Q5 Quarter One Accomplishments

Retain and Create Jobs

- Assisted with the retention of 150 IDOT jobs in Springfield. Q5 provided financial support to fund a lawsuit to delay moving the jobs.
- Proposed a land option agreement for development site in Sangamon County.
- Targeted visits to large employers to discuss their current business environment, challenges and opportunities.

Redirect Development Policy

- Convened the Sangamon County Community Partnership to visit Washington, D.C. to advocate for funding for projects that will benefit Sangamon County.
- The private sector has finalized a list of proposed changes to the current Land Subdivision Ordinance, including language for pavement thickness and trench backfill.
- Q5 partnered with the Springfield City Council in the launching of a comprehensive public input effort to define and address the City's most pressing infrastructure needs.

Improve Minority Participation

- Secured funding for a second round of micro loans. Micro loans will be awarded to businesses who would otherwise not qualify for traditional financing.
- In partnership with the City of Springfield, hosted an East Springfield Redevelopment Summit to advance redevelopment efforts.
- Launched a planning effort for the creation of a resident-led, large-scale urban renewal effort targeting the rebuilding of neighborhoods in East Springfield.

Develop Education and Workforce Excellence

- 25 new participants registered in medically related training through the Springfield Works initiative.
- Continuum of Learning advanced forward with a new Program Director, employed by the Sangamon County Community Foundation.
- Partnered with Memorial Medical Center and Springfield Public School District #186 to develop a Community Healthcare Career Academy.

Capture and Create Emerging Economic Opportunities

- Completed a Medical Industry Impact Analysis demonstrating the healthcare industry is clearly an economic growth engine for the area.
- Developed a medical industry business toolkit to use in business attraction efforts in the medical industry.
- Hosted the Medical Innovations event, in conjunction with the Sangamon County Medical Society, to recognize innovations in the medical industry.

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