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Romeoville Receives 2014 Award for Economic Development in Illinois

The Illinois Chamber and Illinois Development Council give the ComEd-sponsored "Edie Awards" to honor those who imagine, invest, build and bring jobs, growth and prosperity to Illinois communities

The annual award is given jointly by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Development Council (IDC) to recognize significant economic development projects finished in the prior year throughout Illinois. The Village of Romeoville was one of six to receive this award.

Romeoville was recognized for the Peacock Engineering Expansion. The Peacock Engineering Company, LLC headquartered in Geneva, Illinois. They have added over 500,000 square feet of space to its existing portfolio of four modern facilities for a total of 1.9 million square feet by leasing a facility at 1001 Crossroads Parkway in Romeoville as a specialty primary and secondary ambient, refrigerated and frozen food packaging plant creating unique solutions for their clients. It wasn't a normal retrofit as the project required converting the facility from a 'big box' distribution center format to cold storage and packaging operations.

With great coordination by the developer and the Village of Romeoville, the new space opened on schedule. The employment at the Romeoville plant is expected to increase to nearly 600 employees as new lines and new customers arrive.

"We are honored that Peacock Engineering chose Romeoville for their expansion. Romeoville has a lot to offer, including a great development team," said Mayor John Noak. "Romeoville has been fortunate to add over 3,500 jobs in the last four years."

The Illinois Chamber and IDC believe it's important to showcase recent accomplishments -- especially when they translate into more jobs, tax base and economic vitality in Illinois.

"Peacock is a great example of investing in our state and creating jobs," said Doug Whitley, President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

This is the second time Romeoville has received this award, the first award was received for the Kimberly Clark Development.

Romeoville was also recognized earlier this year for High Performance in Economic Development by the International Economic Development Council.

Mayor Noak and representatives from Peacock Engineering will accept the award from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce on June 26, 2014.