



7th Annual
Excellence in Economic Development
Awards Breakfast

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018 - Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

Nominations are now open for:

- Entrepreneurial Achievement Award*
- Neighborhood Development Award*
- Corporate Investment Award*
- Economic Accelerator of the Year Award*
- Community Enhancement Award*

[Click HERE](#) for the nomination survey
Deadline to nominate is **February 26th!**

*Watch for upcoming Sponsorship Opportunities and
Registration Information!*

A Year of High Definition

Wisconsin may have snared the biggest headlines of the summer by snagging Foxconn's prized \$10-billion capital investment, but a closer look reveals that the Badger State came away with a lot more than just bragging rights.

View the full article by [*clicking here*](#)

2017: A Year of Promises Fulfilled with a Strong Labor Market

The economy's engine brought across-the-board benefits beyond these specific sectors. The overall unemployment rate, which by October had

dropped to 4.1 percent, represented a 17-year low by year's end. The benefits of the low rates were felt broadly, resulting in unemployment rates for America's veterans, African-Americans, and Hispanics that reached historic lows in 2017.

View the full article by [clicking here](#)

Vision 2022 Summit

Join Leede Research, Holy Family Memorial and Silver Lake College on Wednesday, January 17 from 2:00-5:00pm at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc as they present the full results from the Vision 2022 Community Study!

Learn more and register for the event by visiting www.v22mc.org

The banner features the Silver Lake College logo at the top, followed by the text "PRESIDENT'S CEO BREAKFAST SERIES" and "PRESENTED BY BANK FIRST". Below this, a dark red bar contains the name "Wendy Schuler" and the date "Feb. 28, 2018". At the bottom left, it says "TICKETS: sl.edu/ceobreakfast • 920-686-6274". On the right side, there is a portrait of Wendy Schuler, a woman with short brown hair and glasses.

First Business Economic Survey Results

Get a highly anticipated look at the results of the 2017 First Business Economic Survey. With 15 years of data from Wisconsin business leaders, the First Business Economic Survey reflects executives' assessments of this year's overall and regional financial performance, as well as predictions for the next year.

View the full article and view results by [clicking here](#)

Selling to Uncle Sam - Understanding the Government Marketplace

Date: January 23, 2018

Time: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Facility: Technology Innovation Center - Wauwatosa, WI

For more information or to register for the event [click here](#)

From Foxconn to sausage makers, Wisconsin companies in expansion mode

Global sales of cheese, sausage, gummy bears, generators and factory equipment are some of the drivers behind the latest Wisconsin business expansions, new data from the state's economic development agency shows.

Read the full article by [clicking here](#)

Manufacturing Matters! 2018

Manufacturing Matters! 2018 takes place March 1, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee. Pre-conference Workshops and Director's Reception will be held on February 28th.

For more information about this event [click here](#)

Happy, healthy and productive

Employee mental wellness is a growing concern for area employers

"There's no health without mental health," says Rosangela Berbert, executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley Inc. Aside from offering your employees compassion and kindness as an employer, there are much deeper-seeded wellness resolutions to keep in mind.

Read the full article by [clicking here](#)

Investors Community Bank Invests in WWBIC's Loan Opportunity Fund and Expanding Partnership

Investors Community Bank has furthered its commitment to micro and small businesses in Wisconsin by making a substantial investment in The Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)'s Loan Opportunity fund.

To read the full release from ICB [click here](#)

Statewide business plan contest open online to vets, other entrepreneurs through Jan. 31

At a time when more veterans are expressing interest in becoming entrepreneurs, the 15th annual Wisconsin Governor's Business Plan Contest is accepting entries online for the 2018 competition until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018.

For more information [click here](#)

Focus on Manufacturing Breakfast

WMC Foundation and Milwaukee Business Journal are partnering this year for the Focus on Manufacturing Breakfast, which will feature top speakers discussing Wisconsin's supply chain. If you are a manufacturer or you work with manufacturers, this is the event for you.

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