

THE INDEPENDENCE PARTNERSHIP

“AN INVESTMENT FOR OUR FUTURE”

Investor Prospectus

Presented by the



Independence
Council for Economic Development

A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHO WE ARE

The Independence Council for Economic Development is a non-profit, public/private partnership, which was established in 1983 for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the economic growth of Independence. The Board of Directors oversees the establishment of policy for the organization with initiatives carried out by professional staff. ICED contracts with the City of Independence and the Independence Chamber of Commerce to perform economic development services. 65+ private sector investors also provide financial support to allow ICED to carry out the mission statement of the organization.

WHERE WE NEED TO BE

ACHIEVING OUR POTENTIAL

Competition for economic development projects in the metro and across the country has elevated to a point that Independence struggles to be competitive with the resources we currently have available for economic development.

Independence is presented with an immense opportunity with the development of the Little Blue Valley and the redevelopment of Western Independence. To reach the full potential that these opportunities present, we must intensify our efforts and more effectively implement our economic development plan. The support of private sector investors make the difference and assist in providing the financial resources to achieve our stated goals.

OUR FOCUS

- Recruit and expand higher wage job opportunities
- Promote and encourage private capital investment
- High level of support for existing core employers through business retention program
- Increase the growth and expansion of small business with support of entrepreneurial efforts
- Promote and leverage investment in economically distressed areas of Independence

WHAT WE WILL ACHIEVE

ANNUAL MEASURABLE RESULTS

- Implementation and execution of annual business plan
- Assist and support the creation and retention of 250 new full-time jobs
- Assist and support new capital investment of \$65m
- Increase in median income in Independence
- Increase in total employment in Independence

ICED MEMBERSHIP

LEVELS OF INVESTMENT

All investors receive the following benefits:

- Weekly “For Your Information” e-newsletter from the President which highlights projects and information on economic development activity in Independence
- Business referrals through the “One Connect” program
- Free subscription to the “Independence Business Barometer” publication
- Investor luncheons and Eggs & Issues Breakfast registrations at reduced rate
- Networking events and receptions
- Recognition on ICED web site and links to your web site
- Access to information from various research and real estate databases
- Business referrals and access to sales leads
- Advance project announcements
- Opportunity to serve on ICED committees
- Availability of speaker’s bureau on topics relating to Independence and economic development
- Recognition in annual report
- Invitation to Eastern Jackson County Development Alliance Events at free or reduced rates
- Access to Eastern Jackson County Training Consortium/reduced rates for employee training
- Opportunity to make a difference in Independence by uniting efforts with other prominent business leaders

Platinum Level

\$5,000.00

- Seat on ICED Board of Directors
- 4 free registrations at quarterly investor luncheons and breakfast events
- 1st opportunity at event and luncheon sponsorships
- Opportunity to participate in external corporate visitation program
- Recognition at all ICED events
- Logo & link on front page of ICED web site and weekly FYI newsletter

Gold Level

\$2,500.00

- 2 free registrations at quarterly luncheons and breakfast events

Silver Level

\$1,000.00

- 1 free registration at quarterly investor luncheons and breakfast events

Bronze Level

\$500.00

Small Business & Not-for-Profit Organizations

\$300.00

- (Small business defined as companies with 5 employees or less)

Regardless of the amount of investment, each investor makes a significant and positive impact through their commitment and leadership.

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2009 Investors

Platinum Investors

Blue Springs School District
CEAH Realtors
City of Independence
Community of Christ
Harpool Morgan Haney, LLC
Independence Chamber of Commerce
Independence School District
JE Dunn Construction Company
King Hershey, PC
M & I Bank
Munlake Contractors
Walton Construction Company, LLC

Gold Level Investors

Alliant Tech Systems (ATK)
AT&T
Centerpoint Medical Center
Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.
Fogel-Anderson Construction Co.
Fort Osage R-I School District
Space Center Kansas City, Inc.
Summit Bank of Kansas City

Silver Level Investors

Bank of Lee's Summit
Bank of the West
Trudy Beard, CPA, PC
Blue Ridge Bank & Trust Company
Bryan Cave LLP
Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics
Commerce Bank
The Examiner
Faith Technologies, Inc.
Global Entertainment
Missouri Gas Entergy

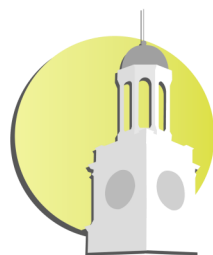
Bronze Level Investors

Bank Midwest, NA
Berger Devine Yaeger
Edward Jones
1st Financial Bank
Forest City Land Group
Formworks, LLC
Geotechnology, Inc.
HarenLaughlin Construction
Hawthorn Bank
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Hollis + Miller Group
The Home Depot
Hy-Vee

Kansas City Power & Light
The Land Source
Metcalf Bank
McCownGordon Construction LLC
Meyer Brothers Building Company
Ochsner Hare & Hare
OHS-Compcare
Olsson Associates
RE/MAX Heartland, REALTORS -
T. David Rogers
Residence Inn by Marriott Independence
Solutions Bank
R.L. Steinman & Associates, Inc.
Stewardship Capital, Ltd
System
TeamBank, NA
Terracon Consultants, Inc
Trinity Real Estate Development
UMB Bank
Wachter Electric Company
The Zimmer Companies

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Heartland Business Capital
IBS Industries
Metzler Brothers Insurance
Realty Trust Group



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