

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEFENSE INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT (DIA) PROGRAM

DATA-DRIVEN. COMMUNITY FOCUSED.

The University of Illinois was awarded a \$5.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to assist Illinois communities that have been adversely impacted by changes in federal defense spending.

With its active DoD installations and diverse industrial base, Illinois has strong links to the military and the companies and people that support it. What Illinois lacks is a data-driven approach to quantifying the breadth of its defense sector – as well as its potential vulnerability – amid a changing defense spending landscape.

The *State of Illinois Defense Industry Adjustment (DIA) Program* enables us to collect critical data about the state's defense sector, assist defense communities by putting that data to work locally, and develop and implement a statewide DIA strategy that strengthens our economy.

GRANT QUICK STATS

\$5.5 million

Total awarded from DoD

\$775,000

Local match provided

5

Number of defense communities initially targeted (Quad Cities, Rockford, Peoria, Metro East, Greater Chicago)

PROGRAM WORK STREAMS

COLLECT DATA

- Comprehensive mapping of the state's defense assets and defense/manufacturing industry supply chains
- Integration of new insights with existing reports, data sets, and technology roadmaps

DATA TO INSIGHTS

- Capacity building and technical assistance including: data review, analysis and interpretation, community engagement, knowledge sharing, and strategic planning

RESPOND

- Pilot program (in Quad Cities) to accelerate local defense adjustment activities
- Develop and implement data-driven response strategies in other defense communities

PROGRAM PARTNERS

(AS OF DECEMBER 2015)



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