

# Governance

Strategy	Accomplishments
<p><b>1. Cook County Government 3.0</b> Increase County government's transparency, efficiency, and accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new taxes and balanced budget</li><li>• Improvements to county governance, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of Set Targets to Achieve Results (STAR) performance management system</li><li>• Integrated economic development Plan</li><li>• County-City Shared Services</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>2. Intergovernmental Efficiencies</b> Increase suburban government efficiency through shared services and centralized capacities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-going County-municipal partnerships, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Job Order Contracting</li><li>• Resiliency planning with DuPage County &amp; City of Chicago</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>3. Strong Strategic Capacity</b> Increase the region's capacity for strategic, coordinated economic growth initiatives</p>	<p>“Growing Our Regional Economy” Regional Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unprecedented collaborative of regional economic development leaders</li><li>• Three regional initiatives launched</li><li>• Attracting supporting investment for activities</li><li>• Ability to speak in a unified voice for the region</li></ul>

# Production

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<p><b>4. Manufacturing Productivity</b> Increase the productivity of Cook County's manufacturing clusters</p>	<p>Metro Chicago Exports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional collaboration to improve export capacity among small and medium-sized firms</li> <li>• Hired executive director</li> <li>• Establishing Micro-Grant program</li> <li>• Exploring targeted industries including metals</li> </ul>
<p>(a) Increase productivity in the Fabricated Metals cluster</p>	<p>Chicago Metro Metals Consortium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six active committees, comprised of public, private, and non-profit sector leadership, developing programming to meet needs of metal cluster</li> <li>• Upcoming events include matchmaking series and Manufacturing Innovation Panel</li> </ul>
<p>(b) Increase productivity in Food Processing and Packaging cluster and promote the development of a Functional Foods cluster</p>	<p>Chicago FOOD Cluster Convening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convened 43 representatives on March 17, 2015 from local food firms (including some CEA members) and related partners</li> <li>• Developing strategy for engaging the food industry and identifying potential lead initiatives</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Supplier Competitiveness</b> Increase competitiveness of anchor institution suppliers</p>	<p>Chicago Anchors for a Strong Economy (CASE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional effort to connect and prepare local firms for anchor institution contracts</li> <li>• Cook County participating as one of 11 founding anchors</li> <li>• Program has executive director and budget</li> <li>• 5 cohorts of local firms receiving capacity building and matching support in first year</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Logistics Productivity</b> Promote the productivity and efficiency of the Transportation and Logistics cluster</p>	<p>Supply Chain Innovation Network of Chicago (SINC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A not-for-profit Leadership Council of businesses engaged in storage, distribution and transportation of goods across the region</li> <li>• Staffed and funded</li> <li>• Efforts include initiatives on future workforce, off-peak truck delivery, and multi-jurisdictional freight permitting</li> </ul>

# Support

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<p><b>7. Strong Physical Infrastructure</b> Improve the quality and efficiency of the region's transportation infrastructure</p>	<p>Cook County Long Range Transportation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Transportation Plan for County in 40 years</li><li>• Will be published in Summer 2015</li></ul>
<p><b>8. Communities that Connect</b> Support the emergence of dense, mixed used, well-connected communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiation of sub-regional planning efforts</li></ul>
<p><b>9. Demand Driven Workforce</b> Improve the alignment of Cook County residents' skills with employer demand</p>	<p>Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated Cook County – City of Chicago workforce board delivering comprehensive demand-driven career counseling, training, and placement services</li><li>• Nation's largest nonprofit-managed Local Workforce Improvement Area</li></ul>