

*Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of Illinois*

## *Election of Officers*

On February 29, 2008, JADA held its annual meeting. Within that meeting, the election of officers took place. At this year's meeting, the following board members were re-elected to their current positions: Walter Strawn, Chairman; Wayne McMillan, Vice-Chairman; Mattie Becker, Secretary/Treasurer.

Walter Strawn has served on the JADA board since its inception in 1995, and has held the position of Chairman since 1998. Wayne McMillan who has served on the JADA board since 2001, will serve his third term as Vice-Chairman. Mattie Becker, who has also served on the JADA board since its inception, briefly held the position of Chairperson in 1997; was elected to Secretary in 1998; then took on the additional position of Treasurer in 1999.

## *Phase I - Moving Forward*

On October 15, 2007, the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority closed on the first phase of development with ProLogis. Groundbreaking and development of Phase I will soon start prompting the construction of the first spec building of the industrial park. It is anti-



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## *Chairman's Corner*

*Walter Strawn, Chairman*

Now that JADA has closed on Phase I with ProLogis, I look forward to the continued progress of the development. It is exciting to know that, yet another, great development is on its way to bringing jobs and revenue back into the local communities. I applaud all those who were involved in making this a possibility and expect great things to come.

I would also like to thank Executive Director, Rick Kwasneski for speaking at ADC's Annual Conference. Being able to show other organizations just what can be done is an honor. I would also like to thank all of those who were able to take time from their busy schedules to speak on the behalf of the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority at the 2007 conference.

# Progress *CenterPoint Intermodal Center*



Construction has commenced on the first of two twin 1.2 million sq. ft. buildings with a projected delivery of Spring 2008.

*Import Distribution Centers Rendering*

# *ProLogis Park Arsenal*

## *South Arsenal Road Update*

*November 2007*



As work began in August 2007 on the infrastructure improvements on South Arsenal Road, the signs of progress are in fact showing. Temporary striping is in place and the road opened to through traffic back in November, however, it still remains a construction zone with two lanes throughout the winter season.

The project is anticipated to be complete in Spring of 2008 and will consist of the roadway being 36' wide with storm sewers, curbs and gutters along the north side of the road.

## *Global Logistics Summit*

The Joliet Arsenal Development Authority took part in the first Global Logistics Summit of Will County, hosted by the Will County Transportation and Logistics Council and the CED in mid-September. We reserved a spot and set up our display for the nearly 350 attendees. According to the Will County CED, the summit attracted those who were interested in how the global logistics and transportation growth will affect Will County.

There were presentations given by experts in international trade, logistics, and workforce. There were also panel discussions that focused on how logistics affect a global economy, and how manufacturers and retailers can use the supply chain as an advantage in the competitive market.

With having our display at the summit, the attendees were able to see how JADA's development has played a role in logistics and transportation in the Will County area.

### *Phase I (continued)*

pated that the clearing and grubbing of Phase I will start in February or March. Mass grading for the first building is scheduled to begin, as soon as the weather allows.

The first building is being constructed as an Inventory Building. It's anticipated customers will use the building for warehouse/distribution. 813,130 square feet is the initial plan, with the option to expand the square footage to 1,080,000. This initial building will have 80 dock positions, expandable to a total of 160 positions. Also to be constructed with the initial construction, are a total of 198 trailer stalls. The building is going to be registered with the USGBC (US Green Building Council) in anticipation of achieving a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) – Certified building status.

## *ADC Annual Conference*

The Joliet Arsenal Development Authority once again joined their fellow LRA's in Miami for ADC's Annual Conference. Not only did JADA attend, but JADA was the highlight of a conference session, Public-Private Partnerships: The Public View.

Executive Director, Rick Kwasneski was the moderator, having Senator A.J. Wilhelmi; County Executive, Larry Walsh; Enterprise Zone Administrator, Matt Ryan; Wilmington School Superintendent, Jay Plese; Vice Chairman, Wayne McMillan; and Dave Neal as speakers that represented different levels of government involved in the JADA redevelopment process.



*Speakers (from left to right) Wayne McMillan, Dave Neal, Senator A.J. Wilhelmi, Rick Kwasneski, Matt Ryan, Will County Executive Larry Walsh, and Jay Plese*

The session examined the public entities participation in the redevelopment, highlighting the importance of forming public-private partnerships, while explaining their roles and participation on this very important regional project.

The session was well received by those in attendance. The panel then closed with a question and answer session.



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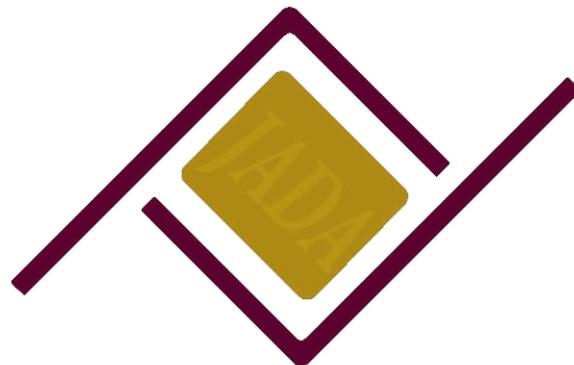
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