



Our mission is to grow local businesses, facilitate expansions, and recruit outside businesses to locate in Eau Claire in order to increase the quality of living, add well-paying jobs and grow the tax base.

January Economic Development News

Welcome to 2017!

2016 was great for the City of Eau Claire and we expect that trend to continue! Early numbers for building value show 2016 as the 2nd-highest year for private-sector commercial value since 2008 and the 4th-highest year for total value added on record! Residential value added was also near all-time highs! This all points to now being the best time to live, work, and play in Eau Claire!

We're excited to see what 2017 brings us! We'll be happy to help you with In the meantime, Eau Claire continues to be your place for Business. Life. Balance.

Eau Claire Business Recognitions

Did you see these great recognitions for area business?

- Silvermine Stone Company and local partners were shown on "Tiny House Nation" on the FYI and Lifetime Networks! ([link to article](#))
- Erbert & Gerbert's hit 100 stores! ([link to article](#))
- Fundraising for the Confluence Arts Center reached a milestone! ([link to article](#))
- Larson Companies was presented with a 2016 Wisconsin Job Honor Award! ([link to video](#))



From the Office of the Governor!

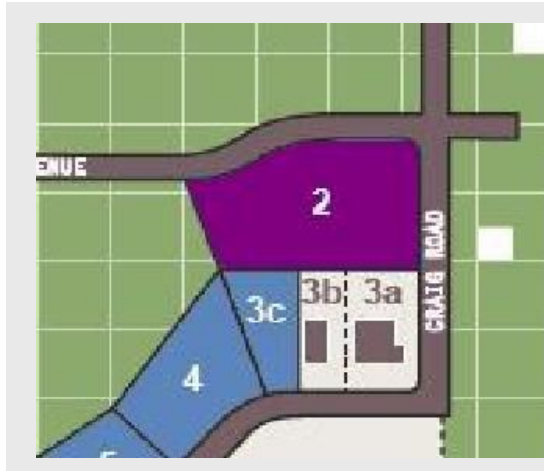
Don't miss these two key deadlines this month!

- Governor's Export Achievement Awards: Nominations due Friday, January 27. Follow [this link](#) for more information!
- Governor's Business Plan Contest: Submissions due Tuesday, January 31. Check out [their website](#) for more information!

10 Steps to Starting a Business

On that note, is 2017 the year you start your business? Visit the Small Business Administration website (SBA.gov) for resources on how to get it done!

Check out their [10 Steps to Starting a Business](#) and [Business Plan Tool](#) to get started!



Featured Property

Lot #2 - Sky Park Industrial Center

4.6 acres immediately available for development in the Sky Park Industrial Center on Eau Claire's Southwest side.

Minutes from Interstate 94, Lot #2 is conveniently situated among Eau Claire's key employers and neighbors a wide range of housing opportunities!

[Contact us](#) for more information!

If you are interested in having your property featured here, [contact us](#) today!

Thinking about Starting a Food Truck?

Come to the "[Launching Your Food Truck Business](#)" by UW-Eau Claire's Continuing Education! The course will focus on starting a food truck business in the Chippewa Valley, with information specific to the area. You will also learn how to seek out local contacts, conduct research on area regulations and find nearby business assistance.

Registration is only \$99! More information and registration on their website.

January Calendar of Events

Job Center of Wisconsin January Workshops Schedule - [Link to Webpage](#)

TODAY!!!

Ribbon Cutting: Roble Tacos + Tequila, 3:00-3:30pm, 5020 Keystone Crossing, Eau Claire.

Tuesday, January 10

Health & Wellness Industry Roundtable, 12:00pm-1:00pm at Western Dairyland Business Center, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$15 per person.

Wednesday, January 11

Creating A Business Plan for Obtaining Financing or Starting a Business, 11:30am-1:00pm at CCEDC Office, 770 Technology Way, Chippewa Falls. [Registration](#) is \$10 per person.

Women's Business Networking Event, 5:30pm at Marc-On Shooting, 4089 124th Street, Chippewa Falls. [Registration](#) is \$5 per person.

From Concept to Realty, a Musky Tank Mixer, 6:30pm-8:00pm at Lucette Brewing Company and Woodfire Eatery, 910 Hudson Road, Menomonie. [Registration](#) is free.

Thursday, January 12

Business Quickbooks Class, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Western Dairyland, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$99 per person.

Saturday, January 14

Business Tax Chat, 9:00am-11:00am at Western Dairyland, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$10 per person

Monday, January 16

Growing Business Faster: Success Tips, 4:30pm-6:00pm, Hangar 54 @ Chippewa Valley Regional Airport, 3800 Starr Ave, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$15 per person.

Wednesday, January 18

City of Eau Claire Redevelopment Authority, 7:30am at City Hall, 203 South Farwell Street, Eau Claire. [Committee webpage](#).

Thursday, January 19

Webinar: 7 Steps To Starting A Business, 12:00-1:00pm, presented by SCORE. [Registration](#) is free.

Friday, January 20

Eggs & Issues: The Chamber's State Of The County, 7:00am-8:30am at the UW-Eau Claire Davies Center - Ojibwe Ballroom, 77 Roosevelt St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$20 per person.

Tuesday, January 24

Business Plan Basics, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Western Dairyland, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$29 per person.

Wednesday, January 25

Launching Your Food Truck Business, 9:00am-4:00pm at The Clarion Hotel, 2703 Craig Rd, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$99 per person.

Chippewa Valley Rally, 10:00am - 7:15pm at the Park Hotel Best Western Premier, 22 S Carroll St, Madison, WI. [Registration](#) is \$75 per person due by January 11th.

Howto Do Business with the Government, 11:30am-1:00pm at 29 Pines Conference Center, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$15 per person.

Tuesday, January 31

Lunch & Learn: New And Exciting Microsoft Upgrade Information For Business 12:00-1:00pm at Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, PESI Conference Room 101 N Farwell St, Ste 101, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$20 for Chamber Members and \$40 for non-members.

Thursday, February 2

Leadership Eau Claire 35th Anniversary Celebration, 5:30pm-8:00pm, Eau Claire Golf & Country Club, 828 Clubview Ln, Altoona. [Registration](#) is \$50 per person.

Financial Assistance

The City of Eau Claire Economic Development Division offers low-interest loans to businesses expanding or relocating within the Eau Claire area. Check out the [Financial Assistance](#) page on our website for more information!

Regional Business Fund

The [Regional Business Fund](#) offers a wide variety of [loan programs](#), including the Downtown Facade Loan, Micro Loan, Technology Enterprise, Revolving Loan, and the Growth Loan. Each program can meet the varying needs of businesses. Contact them today for more information!

Economic Development Administration

The US EDA has published the FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO). This [grant opportunity](#) is to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. More information can be found on the [EDA website](#).

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