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Official Newsletter for the Innovation DuPage Community

Co-Working Space Closing Early on March 26

Innovation DuPage will be clearing out the co-working space at 4:00 p.m. on March 26 in preparation for the Construction Owner-2-CEO graduation.

Opportunities

ID Member Industry Clusters

Innovation DuPage has launched a new meeting series, designed to connect ID Members working in the same industry. Industry Clusters will give you the opportunity to:

- Network with peers in your field
- Share resources and tools
- Discuss trends and challenges
- Request future speakers and programming

Clusters will meet 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in our event space, right after our regular Member Meetups (9:30–10:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). You're welcome to attend both! Here's the schedule for the next quarter:

- April 1 – Technology
- April 15 – Consumer Goods & Services
- April 29 – EdTech and Education
- May 13 – Commercial Goods & Services

More details and invitations coming soon. Questions? Reach out to [Elina Conley](#), ID's Entrepreneur in Residence.

Seeking Clean Tech Companies!



Clean Energy Incubator Program

Innovation DuPage is actively looking for startups and small businesses working in the clean energy or clean technology industry - or referrals to companies that could benefit from our targeted support.

[To Learn More](#)

Coming Up



Join biweekly Member Meetups at Innovation DuPage! Network, enjoy bagels & coffee, and learn from spotlight members & resource experts.

The next Member Meetup will be on April 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Member Spotlight: Assad Kashul of Game Changer Minds

Member Resource: Phil Brown of SCORE Fox Valley

Following the Member Meetup, there will be a Technology Cluster meeting.

If you can't make it in person, attend virtually through our [Zoom Link](#)

[Sign up](#) to present at a future Member Meetup

Clean Energy Incubator Workshop: Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy

Knowledge is Power: How C-PACE Financing Can Bring Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects to Life!



Anna Maria Kowalik

Monday, March 30th, 2026

In-Person: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

- What is Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy financing?
- How does C-PACE work?
- What are the qualifying property types and improvement measures?
- What are the benefits of using C-PACE in the capital stack?

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The Clean Energy Incubator Program is hosting its first workshop at Innovation DuPage! Program participants and Innovation DuPage members are welcome to attend.

Anna Maria Kowalik will be stepping in for Shubha to lead a workshop on Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing on Monday, March 30. A 30-year commercial real estate veteran and nationally recognized C-PACE pioneer, Anna Maria has been "the Face of C-PACE" in Illinois and is a 2022 PACENation PACESETTER Award recipient.

Learn what C-PACE is, how it works, what projects qualify, and how to pair it with other incentives. Whether you're a founder, building owner, developer, or part of the clean energy ecosystem, this session will give you the tools to leverage C-PACE for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

[To Learn More and Register](#)

Save the Date: Autism Optimism Ribbon Cutting



SAVE THE DATE AO-IL RIBBON CUTTING

Thursday, April 2, 2026 12:30 PM

3030 Finley Rd, Suite 100 Downers Grove, IL 60515

ID member Chip Borkowski is opening the doors to Autism Optimism Illinois's new therapy clinic in Downers Grove. Chip founded AO-IL inspired by his son Bennett, and the clinic opens on World Autism Awareness Day — April 2 — bringing Speech, Occupational, Physical, and ABA therapy together under one roof, with 10% of net profits permanently supporting Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

RSVP by reaching out to Chip at Chip@AutismOptimism-IL.com.

Let us help you share your success with the ID community!

Share a recent win – big or small. It could be featured in our next letter! Email your accomplishment to [Hannah Macey](mailto:Hannah.Macey).

Resources

[Clean Energy Incubator Program](#)

[Member Portal Login Page](#)

[Member Meetup Signup Sheet](#)



Reminder: Innovation DuPage is open for members as a coworking space 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

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