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**CHICAGO JOBS COUNCIL NAMES MARK PODEMSKI & THE ROCKFORD
AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AS ITS 2010 PARTNER OF
THE YEAR**

The Rockford Area Economic Development Council and its Vice President, Mr. Mark Podemski, were honored with the Partner of the Year Award from the Chicago Jobs Council (CJC) at its 29th Annual Meeting on Friday, June 4.

Mr. Podemski was recognized for his continued leadership for policies and programs that align workforce and economic development efforts in the Rockford area.

Said Steve Simmons, Statewide Policy Associate of the Chicago Jobs Council, "As a well-respected leader in the Rockford community, Mark has brought insight, dedication, and vision to the job training and economic development system in his community."

Mr. Podemski is a member of the Boone and Winnebago Counties Workforce Investment Board, as well as a member of the Rockford Jobs Council. He has partnered with CJC to provide input on workforce development programs before the Illinois House Job Creation Task force and served on the planning committee for the Illinois Works for the Future's first community forum held in Rockford in September 2009.

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The **Rockford Area Economic Development Council** is a staff of economic development professionals and over 200 private and public sector investors who collaborate to enhance wealth creation in the Rockford Region by marketing the area and helping employers retain and create quality jobs. For more information, visit www.rockfordil.com.

The **Chicago Jobs Council** is a 29-year old policy and advocacy organization that works with its members to ensure access to employment and career advancement opportunities for people living in poverty. For more information, visit www.cjc.net.

