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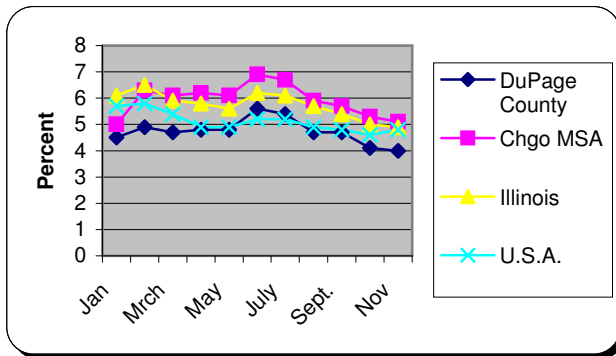
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## Section One Economic Overview:

### DuPage Unemployment Rate:

The County unemployment rate for November 2005 is 4%. The Chicago MSA, the State of Illinois, and the United States rates are 5.1%, 4.9%, and 4.8%, respectively.

*Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security.*



### Current Office and Industrial Activity Report:

#### Office Space:

**Vacancy Rate** 18.4%  
**Avg. Rental Rate** \$20.75/fs  
**Absorption Rate** 10,641

#### Industrial Space:

**Vacancy Rate** 12%  
**Avg. Rental Rate** \$4.67/nnn  
**Absorption Rate** -671,814

## Section Two

### DuPage National Technology Park Lands First Tenant:

Pella Corporation is the first tenant to sign on at the DuPage National Technology Park in West Chicago.

Master developer CenterPoint Properties Trust will build a 174,352-square foot sales office and service facility for the window manufacturer.

Pella will move operations from Carol Stream to the new building at 2025 Enterprise Circle next summer. Morgan Harbour Construction will build Pella's new space. "The state-of-the-art technological infrastructure available through the DuPage National Technology Park will be great assets for our team members," says Pella general manager Scott Baril, among 225 employees making the move from Northern DuPage County.

DuPage Airport Authority owns the 800-acre site, while Oak Brook-based CenterPoint Properties Trust is master developer for the high-tech business park south of the DuPage County Airport. The REIT will develop up to 6.2 million square feet of build-to-suit mixed-use space, making DuPage National Technology Park its largest project outside its CenterPoint Intermodal Center in Elwood, IL.

*Source: GlobeSt.com*

## Section Three:

### Village of Lombard Announces Conference/Convention Center Project:

The Village of Lombard, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, Yorktown Center, and Mid-America Hotel Partners are pleased to announce that the vision of a conference/convention center in Lombard is about to become a reality, with construction soon to begin on The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, and the accompanying Harry Caray's Restaurant and Holy Mackerel! American Fish House.

More than five years ago, through its strategic planning process, the Lombard Board of Trustees identified the need for a conference/convention center as an integral part of the Village's economic development efforts. The goal of making the conference/convention center a reality was reaffirmed by residents and officials who attended Lombard's first Community Forum in 2003.

The total project cost is \$195,475,000. The hotel and restaurants will initially be owned by the Lombard Public Facilities Corporation, which recently issued tax-exempt bonds for construction and related project costs. Once the bonds have been retired, ownership of the hotel and restaurants will revert to the Village of Lombard

Contact the Village of Lombard at 630-620-5718 for more information.

### County Services for Businesses, Economic Development Professionals, & Real Estate Professionals:

- Available Office & Industrial Space Database
- Financing Programs
- Workforce Development Assistance
- Industrial Parks Map
- On Line Business Resource Guide
- Current Commercial Vacancy Rates
- Business Retention Program
- Quarterly ED Professional Meetings
- Business Loan Fund

## Section Four:

### U.S. Census Bureau Releases Daytime Population Figures:

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released estimates of the daytime population for counties and municipalities, based on Census 2000 data. Daytime population refers to the number of people, including workers, who are present in an area during normal business hours, as opposed to the resident population present during the evening and nighttime hours.

The Census daytime population estimates only reflect changes based on work trips, and do not account for people traveling to school, shopping and entertainment.

DuPage County has the largest percent increase in daytime population (7.2%) due to workers' trips among all counties within the Northeastern Illinois region.

DuPage County also has the highest Employment-Residence ratio (1.14) among the region's counties. The DuPage ratio indicates that the number of jobs in the county is 14% higher than the number of workers who live in DuPage.

For more information contact the DuPage County Department Economic Development and Planning at 630-407-6670.

On the web: [www.census.gov/population/socdemo/daytime/2000/tab02.xls](http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/daytime/2000/tab02.xls)

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