

Rural Innovation Center Models

A White Paper for Sterling, IL

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Potential Models

Non-University/Multi-University Based

- Individual Company Based
- Community College Based
- Industry Based

Industry Focus

- Metals Manufacturing
- Agriculture

Elements of Success

- Leadership
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Industry Expertise
- Research Capacity
- Funding Capacity
- Value Added Products and Services

Sterling Assets

- Wahl Clipper Customer Innovation Center
- Sauk Valley Community College/
Sterling Vocational High School
- Public Private Partnerships
 - ✓ Sauk Valley Bank- USDA
 - ✓ IL Corn Growers or Blackhawk Hills Regional Council?
 - ✓ Midwest Intellectual Property Institute-
National Additive Manufacturing Institute Model
 - ✓ Sterling Alumni
 - ✓ Others