

## Our Vision

We believe that employee ownership improves American competitiveness...that it increases productivity through greater employee participation in the workplace...that it strengthens our free enterprise economy and creates a broader distribution of wealth...and that it maximizes human potential by enhancing the self-worth, dignity, and well-being of our people.

Therefore, we envision an America where employee ownership is widely recognized as a catalyst for economic prosperity...where the great majority of employees own stock in the companies where they work...and where employee ownership enables employees to share in the wealth they help create.

And we look for our nation to become for all the world an example of prosperity with justice through employee ownership.

**“I find there’s always a great benefit to my interaction with the Illinois ESOP Association. They have great information, are a very active association, and networking with other members is extremely valuable.”**

*—Deb Wolfe, M.S. Carver Lumber*



## How To Join

Membership in the national ESOP Association automatically enrolls you as a member of the Illinois Chapter. It’s easy to join. Just go to: [www.esopassociation.org](http://www.esopassociation.org) and choose “membership”. The membership application is available in a downloadable PDF file or can be completed online.

To request a complete packet of information about The ESOP Association, e-mail your request to [membership@esopassociation.org](mailto:membership@esopassociation.org) or call toll free (866) 366-3832.

*If you are looking for someone to talk with you about employee ownership, contact us. The Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association is the right place to start for all of your questions.*

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# The Illinois Chapter of The **ESOP** ASSOCIATION



**A diverse group of ESOP  
companies supporting and  
promoting employee ownership.**

**“Being a member of The ESOP Association provides our company with an extremely valuable network of Illinois ESOPs to learn from.”**

*—Bill Muirheid, Sr. VP Finance, Hobbico, Inc.*

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## About Us

We are owners and professionals, manufacturers and service providers, management and hourly. One thing unites us all: We are people who embody employee ownership every day in our work lives.

You'll find us throughout Illinois, from Chicago to the downstate regions. Wherever you are in your ownership journey, we can provide you a network of colleagues who have been there before.

**"The ESOP Association's session at its Annual Conference and Employee Owner Retreat are invaluable. I am receiving more from our company's employee-ownership structure because we are active participants in the Association."**

*--Joyce Greep, Bimba Manufacturing Company*

A. Epstein And Sons International, Inc., Chicago  
Advance Trading Inc., Bloomington  
Agri-King, Inc., Fulton  
AMSTED Industries, Inc., Chicago  
Anderson Electric, Inc., Springfield  
Ben Tire Distributors, Ltd., Toledo  
Best Travel And Tours Inc., Chicago  
Bimba Manufacturing Company, Monee  
Burwood Group, Inc., Chicago  
Business Office Systems, Itasca  
Cannon Cochran Management Services, Danville  
Cellusuede Products, Inc., Rockford  
Centre For Labor And Community Research, Chicago  
Clark Dietz, Inc., Champaign  
Colovos Company, Chicago  
Consolidated Electronic Wire Cable, Franklin Park  
DeKalb Feeds, Inc., Rock Falls

Dental Health Resources, Inc., Effingham  
E. Besler & Co., Elk Grove Villa  
Ecker Enterprises, Inc, Rosemont  
Edmund A. Allen Lumber Company, Momence  
Ellwood Associates, Chicago  
Excel Dowel Wood Production, Inc., Itasca  
Finishes Unlimited, Inc., Sugar Grove  
First Farmers State Bank, Minier  
First Neighbor Bank, Toledo  
Forsythe Technology, Inc., Skokie  
G & M Electrical Contractors Co, Chicago  
Great Lakes Financial Resources, Inc., Matteson  
Gypsum Supply Co., Rockford  
H. S. Crocker Company, Inc., Huntley  
H. W. Lochner, Inc., Chicago  
Hansen Plastic Corporation, Elgin  
Hanson Group Inc., Springfield

## Benefits of Membership

The Illinois Chapter consists of approximately 100 member companies, including firms of all sizes and from many different industries. We learn from each other how to promote a successful ESOP culture and address administrative issues.

### Great Networking Opportunities

- Visit successful ESOP companies throughout the state at "Company-to-Company Events" – see their ESOPs in operation first-hand.
- Tap into an impressive network of ESOP professionals and service providers.
- Exchange creative ideas and experiences with an extensive network of individuals from other ESOP companies.
- Talk with employee-owners at every level, to learn what's happening in other ESOP companies.

Haumiller Engineering Company, Elgin  
Herbst Lazar Bell, Inc., Chicago  
Hobbico, Inc., Champaign  
Holden Industries, Inc., Deerfield  
Horizon Hobby, Inc., Champaign  
Human Kinetics, Champaign  
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc., Pekin  
Imbert International, Inc., Niles  
INTEC, Naperville  
Irwin Broh & Associates, Inc., Des Plaines  
J. T. Cullen Co., Inc., Fulton  
Karmak, Inc., Carlinville  
Kehe Food Distributors, Inc., Romeoville  
Kennicott Brothers Company, Chicago  
Kindlon Enterprises, Inc., Monee  
Kirby Foods, Inc., Champaign  
Kroeschell, Inc., Waukegan

Lesman Instrument Company, Bensenville  
M.S. Carver Lumber Co., Peoria  
Mapes & Sprowl Steel, Ltd., Elk Grove Villa  
Martin Bayley, Inc., Carmi  
McHutchison, Wayne  
McWilliams Electric Co., Inc., Schaumburg  
Mid Way Supply, Inc., Zion  
Morton Buildings, Inc., Morton  
Morton Community Bank, Morton  
Muir Omni Graphics, Peoria  
National Bureau of Property Admin., Chicago  
Naylor Pipe Company, Chicago  
Newport Industries, Rolling Meadows  
On Point Technology, Oak Brook  
O'Neil Industries, Inc., Chicago  
Overton Chicago Gear, Addison  
Parksite Inc., Batavia

### On-going Educational Opportunities

- National and local conferences, seminars and workshops specifically designed to promote ESOP education.
- Monthly newsletters and website updates dedicated to enhancing your knowledge about ESOPs.
- Profiles of some of the most successful ESOP companies in the world.

### A Voice at the Capital for Pro-ESOP Legislation

- Up-to-date information on national ESOP-related lobbying and legislative activities.
- Opportunities to build grass roots support and lobby effectively for or against legislative proposals that will impact your ESOP.

Pioneer Engineering & Environmental Serv, Chicago  
Print Management Partners, Inc., Des Plaines  
RJN Group, Inc., Wheaton  
RLI Corp, Peoria  
Rock Valley Oil And Chemical Co., Loves Park  
S And C Electric Company, Chicago  
SC2, Peoria  
Scot Forge Company, Spring Grove  
Scot Forge Company, Franklin Park  
Seegerdahl Corp., Wheeling  
Shorr Packaging Corp., Aurora  
Siemer Milling Company, Teutopolis  
SmithBucklin Corporation, Chicago  
Southern Imperial, Rockford  
Spacemark, Inc., Decatur  
Springfield Electric Supply, Springfield  
Sternberg Vintage Lighting, Niles

Stevens Industries, Inc., Teutopolis  
Superior Graphite, Chicago  
Tech Syn Corporation, Bloomingdale  
Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co., Wheeling  
The George Sollitt Construction Co., Wood Dale  
The Goodheart-Willcox Company, Tinley Park  
The Niven Marketing Group, Carol Stream  
Thybar Corporation, Addison  
Tom Lange Company, Inc., Springfield  
United Laboratories, Inc, Saint Charles  
Val Matic Valve And Mfg. Corp., Elmhurst  
Van Horn, Inc., Cerro Gordo  
Waterfront Services Company, Cairo  
Wine Sergi Co., LLC, Saint Charles  
York Enterprise Solutions, Westchester

