

1 S. Main Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043  
Phone: (586) 469-5285  
Fax: (586) 469-6787  
www.macombgov.org/planning

# News

Macomb County Executive  
Mark A. Hackel



---

## Planning & Economic Development

### *For Immediate Release*

Stephen N. Cassin, AICP; Executive Director  
(586) 469-5285

Media Contact: [Cassin@MacombGov.org](mailto:Cassin@MacombGov.org)

Date: May 23, 2014

### **Macomb County businesses make Michigan 50 Companies to Watch list**

Fifty-seven small businesses throughout the state of Michigan, including several based in Macomb County, were recognized at the annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) luncheon held in Lansing on May 6.

One Macomb County business that made the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch 2014 list was Safie Specialty Foods Company Inc. of Chesterfield Township. The family-owned business started over 75 years ago when a farmer began preserving his home-grown vegetables. Today, the company is owned by that farmer's daughter, Mary Safie, and continues to deliver hand-packed, locally-grown veggies.

Since last August, Safie has been working closely with Senior Economic Development Specialist Jack Johns from the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development (MCPED). In addition to urging the company to apply for this prestigious award, Johns also assisted them by providing referrals to other economic partners and information about food grants and how to apply for seed money. He recently helped the company receive a tax abatement on a new \$585,795 investment in real property renovations and personal property upgrades.

Other Macomb County businesses that made the 50 Companies to Watch list were another MCPED client Crorey Creations based in Clinton Township and Sterling Heights-based Visiting Angels. Engineered Materials Technology Inc., a veteran-owned Sterling Heights company, received the Government Contracting Award.

MCSB was founded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Small Business Association of Michigan, the Michigan Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration – Michigan, Small Business Advocate Chris Holman and the Edward Lowe Foundation with the purpose of celebrating Michigan's entrepreneurial successes.

###