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## Economic Development

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LHP Hospital Group and the Seton family of hospitals broke ground on a new 192,400-square-foot, 83-bed facility in Harker Heights, TX on April 4, 2011. This project will provide an estimated 500 jobs within its first year of operation. In addition, there will be a 60,000 square foot medical office facility. The Mike Barnes Group appreciates the opportunity to have assisted LHP with this project.

### Blanco County EDC Hosts US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Forum

On April 20th, the Blanco EDC hosted a Rural Development Forum with approximately 30 attendees including businesses from within Blanco County. This interesting exchange provided information to area businesses and residents as to how the U.S. Agricultural Department could assist in the provision of loans/grants to certain groups. Mike Barnes serves as the Vice Chair of the Blanco EDC.

**Mike Barnes Group will attend the Industrial Asset Management Conference in Albuquerque, NM April 30-May 4th.** The firm will represent a number of Texas communities at the event and also review opportunities for its corporate clients. Team Texas will host a reception following the Sunday night dinner. MBG will represent the Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation at this exciting Team Texas event!

## Southeast Texas Economy on the Move!



The Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation met on April 21 to review the ongoing projects of the group. Successful regional marketing has netted at least one new firm, locating at the Port Arthur Business Park. Numerous prospect proposals have been submitted on a variety of projects. Contact Jessica Hill at (409) 838-6586 x109 or the Mike Barnes Group for information regarding opportunities within Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties in Southeast Texas.

## The City of Everman EDC Marketing Plan Underway!

The Mike Barnes Group, through its Senior Associate, David Miracle, continue to provide economic development assistance to the City of Everman EDC. Among the activities are an updated website, ongoing regional and national marketing and activities within the local Everman business community. Mike Barnes will represent Everman EDC at the IAMC event in Albuquerque April 30--May 4. For information regarding opportunities in Everman, contact the MBG.



## Upcoming Events

Industrial Asset Management Council	April 30-May 4, Albuquerque
Regional Economic Development Initiative	June 2, Beaumont
Blanco EDC	May 18, Blanco

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