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Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation Website is Running!

The SETEDF has gained tremendous momentum in recent months. The SETEDF has a new website, www.setedf.org. The site contains regional demographics, links to the respective communities, and business information to assist the site selector in selecting Southeast Texas as a site for business.



SETEDF is on the move with prospect activity, enhanced business retention/expansion programs, and a genuine spirit of "regionalism." Ann Galasi, Sabine River Authority, and Mike Barnes updated the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission at their meeting on April 20. Jim Rich, Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce likewise updated the Industrial Alliance on April 20. The group attended the recent CoreNet Global Forum in Dallas to showcase the region with other Team Texas members. For information regarding economic development opportunities within Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange Counties, Texas, contact the Mike Barnes Group.



Royal Classic Properties Provides Hill Country Lifestyle

Contact the Mike Barnes Group for information regarding outstanding Hill Country lots or a beautifully appointed Hill Country home with ridgeline views.



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South Central Michigan Works Project

The Mike Barnes Group has partnered *with Workforce 1 Partners* to provide an innovative and creative linkage of economic development and workforce for this region of Michigan. The project will identify “active assets” and an engaged tool that will assist South Central Michigan Works in identifying occupations that match the trending business needs. For information regarding this approach, please contact the Mike Barnes Group.



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Increased Interest in Everman

The Tarrant County, Texas community of Everman, as a result of the Roy C. Brooks Boulevard project, now has an additional 200 approximate acres for commercial/industrial development. David Miracle, Senior Associate, meets informally with members



of the newly formed Everman Business Association. This group will work collectively in making Everman an outstanding business-oriented community. This group will be active in both Business Retention/Expansion, but provide assistance in Everman’s ongoing business attraction efforts. .



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Robinson Enjoys Retail Growth

New retail tenants have occupied the recently constructed retail centers along Highway 77 in Robinson. Construction is underway on additional retail operations in the same corridor. Developers are reviewing Robinson at a variety of locations for potential retail opportunities. The City of Robinson provides efficient leadership in assisting businesses as they expand into this market. Contact the Mike Barnes Group for information regarding opportunities in Robinson.

Lacy Lakeview Update

Recent announcements in Lacy Lakeview include the Taco Bell as part of the N-3 Project located along I-35 and SH 340. Additional discussions and negotiations are underway in this highly visible center. The City of Lacy Lakeview has pledged its support of economic development and is working with a number of developers and tenants in making many exciting plans come to fruition. The Mike Barnes Group appreciates the opportunity to assist in the ongoing economic development effort in this I-35 Corridor Community.



Mike Barnes Group Presentations

On April 10, Jon Chara of **Workforce 1 Partners** and Mike Barnes directed a workshop at the California Workforce Association conference in San Diego.

Mike Barnes and Jon Chara of **Workforce 1 Partners** presented to the Workforce Committee of the Texas Economic Development Council at its Spring Conference in Midland.

Congratulations to Carlton Schwab and the TEDC Board of Directors for an outstanding Spring Conference.

Many thanks to the TEDC Staff for their assistance in working with the SETEDF at their first Team Texas event at CoreNet Global in Dallas.

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