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Stafford Adopts Policies for Tyco to Expand Operations

In a special session of the Stafford City Council, the city unanimously approved an ordinance providing support for the Tyco application with the Texas Enterprise Fund. The city has a long-standing tradition of providing an ideal location for business and industry. Stafford's location within the Houston Metro, coupled with the unique fact that **Stafford does not levy property**

taxes, serves as a major foundation for its economic development effort. Mike Barnes and Mike Nicoletti, Senior Associate, continue their on-site work in Stafford. The firm appreciates the opportunity to assist the Stafford EDC. For information regarding Stafford, contact **MBG**.



The Hillsboro, TX Labor Market Analysis

is well underway. The firm spent nearly a week this month in Hillsboro interviewing employers, educational institutions, governmental leaders, and supporting facilities in nearby Waco. The preliminary results conclude that Hillsboro is an ideal location for a variety of economic development activities. Mike Barnes and Jack Allston, Senior Associate, worked very closely with Sandra Barner, executive of the Hillsboro EDC. Contact MBG for information relative to how this type of analysis can assist your ongoing economic development efforts.

Mike Barnes Group to Lead Economic Development Organizations to Site Selector Visits

in the Southeastern United States. MBG will facilitate a delegation from the Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation and the Stafford EDC in meetings with high profile site selectors. The firm has worked with any number of these groups over the past 30 years in making projects happen. Contact MBG for this type of service.



Everman EDC Actively Markets Community—the Mike Barnes Group enjoys its relationship with the Everman EDC (and has for four years) serving as the organization's economic development firm. David Miracle, Senior Associate, directs on-site activities in Everman and provides assistance to businesses seeking to take advantage of the Business Improvement Grant and other city incentives. The firm includes Everman in its marketing portfolio at major events. Contact MBG regarding opportunities in Everman or how the firm can assist your organization's economic development efforts.

SETEDF continues to provide a regional focus on economic development. The regional effort of Southeast Texas has resulted in numerous projects. SETEDF continues to work on many new and expanding industrial projects located within the three county region. 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.



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