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Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation Continues Regional Economic Development Effort

The Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation continues its regional economic development effort in the promotion of Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties in Texas. The organization's new website, www.setedf.org, has received



considerable attention and acclaim. The Regional Economic Development Initiative will be participating with Team Texas at the upcoming Industrial Asset Management Group's conference in Minneapolis in September. The SETEDF is providing the leadership for the Spirit of Texas Awards to be showcased in Beaumont, in conjunction with the Office of the Governor. Numerous projects are being considered regionally. For information regarding the Southeast Texas Region, please contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Everman EDC Commits to Business Park

On August 6, the Everman EDC committed funds to the development of engineering work associated with the proposed Everman Business/Industrial Park along the newly created Roy Brooks Boulevard. In addition, funding commitment for fence/screening was made to enhance the overall appearance of the area. Congrats to the 3 new members of the EDC! Senior Associate, David Miracle, CEcD, oversees the Everman EDC activities for the Mike Barnes Group.

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Project Update

Workforce 1 Partners and the Mike Barnes Group have partnered to provide **South Central Michigan Works** an outstanding tool which combines workforce needs with economic development tactical experience aimed at addressing that region of Michigan's future workforce needs. The team will present its findings to the SCMW Board of Directors on September 12 at its annual meeting held in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

*Project Team members include Jon Chara, Tim Condon, and Mike Barnes. For information relative to this innovative approach, contact the **Mike Barnes Group or Workforce 1 Partners.***

Lacy Lakeview Continues Momentum



Lacy Lakeview continues to receive the attention of developers and retailers, primarily along the I-35 Corridor. The available sites at the intersection of I-35 and SH340 provide an ideal location for businesses seeking to capture both local and interstate travelers. The information at the right identifies the traffic counts and purchasing power of these sites. The City of Lacy Lakeview has a track record of "putting deals together." The leadership of the City, Chamber, and CISD work together to achieve mutually benefiting goals. For information regarding business opportunities in Lacy Lakeview, please contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Available: In-Line Retail Space, Pad Sites

Highlights: Over 130,000 vehicles a day at this intersection . Area retailers include: Super

Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Starbucks, Luby's,

Cracker Barrel, Blockbuster and many more.

Demographics: 1 Mile 3 Miles 5 Miles

Population: 4,686 29,831 80,964

HH Income: \$44,209 \$39,392 \$37,724

Traffic Counts I-35: 101,000 VPD 2005

Loop 340: 30,000 VPD 2005

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Robinson —Location, Location, Location!

Robinson, Texas is fortunate to be ideally located in Central Texas. It enjoys I-35 exposure, SH 6 frontage, and Highway 77 as its main street. This provides tremendous opportunities for businesses seeking outstanding locations. Whether it be a major big box retailer or a smaller family owned business, Robinson enjoys existing locations. In addition, the City of Robinson is ideally positioned to provide locations for manufacturing, distribution/logistics, and service industries. This is evidenced by the numerous companies that call Robinson home. For information regarding Robinson, contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Royal Classic Properties in Texas Hill Country

Royal Classic Properties has the ability to provide scenes like this either from a beautiful ridgeline or lakefront lot or a beautifully constructed custom home in Blanco County, TX. Enjoy the Hill Country lifestyle with the assistance of Royal Classic Properties. Contact the Mike Barnes Group for details.



Upcoming Events/Speaking Engagements

Mike Barnes will speak at the **Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Planning Workshop Retreat on August 25**

Mike Barnes and Jon Chara of Workforce 1 Partners will address the **Michigan Works Association** at their annual conference on **9.13-9.15**

Mike Barnes will speak to **Leadership Southeast Texas on 9.24**

Mike Barnes and Nancy Gray of Nancy Gray Art Consulting will speak at the **TEDC Annual Conference 9.29-10.01**

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