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Stafford EDC Update

The Stafford Economic Development Corporation and the Mike Barnes Group are working closely together to identify opportunities for business growth. The firm has initiated demographics work and is beginning the Business Retention/Expansion Program. 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, have begun the on-site work in Stafford, including meeting with local and regional economic development officials. Mike Barnes has attended the Houston Regional Economic Developers Association meeting in La Porte and the Fort Bend Economic Developers meeting in Rosenberg. For information regarding opportunities within Stafford, contact the Mike Barnes Group.



SETEDF continues to provide a regional focus on economic development. On June 2, the Regional Economic Development Initiative Group met in Beaumont at the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce to discuss retail projects, manufacturing projects and marketing efforts aimed at identifying

opportunities for the 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.

David Miracle, Senior Associate, provides the on-site leadership to the ongoing economic development activity for the Everman EDC. The firm has enjoyed a four year relationship with this outstanding DFW Region community. Please contact MBG for information regarding opportunities within the City of Everman.





The Mike Barnes Group, Inc. celebrates its sixth year of serving clients this month. We appreciate the opportunity to assist numerous companies, communities, and organizations these past six years. In April of 2010, the firm moved its headquarters from Waco, Texas to the beautiful Hill Country community of Blanco. The firm is strategically located in the historic Old Blanco County Courthouse, midway between Austin and San Antonio. Since coming to Blanco, Mike Barnes has been appointed to the Blanco Economic Development Corporation and the City of Blanco Planning and Zoning Commission. The firm is engaged in numerous community activities including the Blanco Chamber of Commerce. The firm's Treasurer, Andree Barnes, serves on the Board of the Old Blanco County Courthouse Preservation Society (see photo left). We appreciate the support given us by our clients, staff, and community. Contact MBG for info!

The Texas Economic Development Council will hold its summer meeting in Abilene July 27-29. Please go to the <https://www.texasedc.org> to register.



IEDC 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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The International Economic Development Council will hold its annual conference September 18-21 in Charlotte, NC. Please go to <http://iedconline.org/> to register.

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