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Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation Moves Forward with Economic Development Program

The SETEDF has gained tremendous momentum in recent months. The organization has become engaged in Team Texas, is on the verge of rolling out its exciting new website, working jointly on prospect proposals, and worked in tandem with other entities in the recently successful Golden Triangle Days in Austin.



SETEDF is on the move with prospect activity, enhanced business retention/expansion programs, and a genuine spirit of "regionalism." 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 of nearly 30 miles now available.



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The Development Authority of Rockdale County (GA) Rolls Out Strategic Directions Report

The elected and appointed leadership of Rockdale County/Conyers, Georgia were presented the Strategic Directions Report on March 25 at the beautiful Acuity Brands facility in Conyers. The report was the culmination of a year's work conducted by the Mike Barnes Group and the DARC leadership.

The report outlined the enviable location of Rockdale County along with seven strategic goals to be undertaken by the community in an effort to enhance the economic development effort of Rockdale County. David Miracle, Senior Associate, and Mike Barnes made the presentation to the assembled group. For information regarding this great community, please contact the Mike Barnes Group.



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. The city is working closely with property owners along this newly created corridor to explore economic development opportunities. In addition, existing retail projects and retail sites are getting attention in the marketplace. Opportunities exist within an existing shopping center for additional pad sites and internal projects along with an outstanding site at the main entrance to the heart of the city. Everman has adopted incentive guidelines and has an engaged group of elected and appointed officials with a thorough knowledge of economic development. David Miracle heads the firm's on-site leadership in Everman.



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Ongoing Business Retention/Expansion Program A Success

In recent years, Robinson has engaged in a significant Business Expansion/Retention Program. This program, undertaken by the Economic Development Committee, includes a BRE Team of the mayor, council member, and city manager. The effort is coordinated by the Mike Barnes Group. Findings of recent visits suggest that **Robinson businesses enjoy their location in Robinson! The City's business climate is outstanding!** For information about Robinson, contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Lacy Lakeview Update



Very few communities enjoy the relationship between and among its various organizations as Lacy Lakeview. The city and Chamber of Commerce work very closely together in bringing success to both. The Chamber's Annual Banquet was a tremendous success with the City of Lacy Lakeview being a supportive partner. Business knows they can work with both/either entities and grow in Lacy Lakeview. Many thanks to the ongoing support of Lacy Lakeview for its support of the area's youth in their programs. The most recent example is the support of Lacy Lakeview in assisting LaVega and Connally ISD youth through their support of the Waco Sports Foundation. Contact the Mike Barnes Group for information regarding Lacy Lakeview's opportunities.

South Central Michigan Works Project Moves Forward

Workforce 1 Partners, including the Mike Barnes Group, initiated the on-site work in South Central Michigan in March. The team of Jon Chara and Tim Condon began their interviews with area businesses, civic leadership, workforce allies, and stakeholders. The project will link solidly economic development and workforce together in providing solutions to workforce issues. For information regarding how this innovative approach, Contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Upcoming Presentations:

April 10: Jon Chara and Mike Barnes present to the California Workforce Association in San Diego

April 29: Mike Barnes and Jon Chara present to the TEDC Workforce Committee in Midland.

September, 2009: Jon Chara, Tim Condon, and Mike Barnes present to the Michigan Workforce Association in the Upper Peninsula.

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