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South Central Michigan Works Retains Workforce Partners 1 to Provide Assistance in Workforce Project

SCMW has retained Workforce Partners 1, a nationally recognized expert in the field of workforce issues, to provide a major assessment of the region's workforce. The Mike Barnes Group has been asked to assist in identifying the economic development issues as part of this collaborative effort. The consultant team will include Jon Chara, Tim Condon, and Mike Barnes. For information regarding this creative approach to workforce and economic development contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Royal Classic Properties Provides Hill Country Lifestyles

Royal Classic Properties offers custom Hill Country homes with ridgeline views and waterfront lots in a restricted environment in Blanco County. This convenient location provides access to both Austin and San Antonio for the busy professional seeking the Hill Country lifestyle. For information regarding this opportunity, contact the Mike Barnes Group.



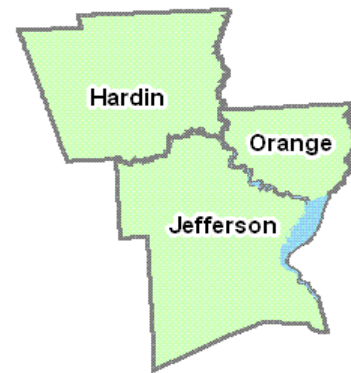
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Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation Approves Regional Economic Development Strategy

The Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation has approved a Regional Economic Development Strategy provided by the Mike Barnes Group. The regional group, representing Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange counties, are working collaboratively on prospect proposals, workforce issues, Business Retention/Expansion projects and will host a regional economic development website soon.

This region enjoys economic growth in a downturned national economy and possesses numerous educational, cultural, and quality of life attributes in addition to an outstanding location for business and industry. Contact the Mike Barnes Group for information.



Roy C. Brooks Boulevard Provides Everman with Commercial Sites

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. David Miracle, Senior Associate of the firm, provides on-site leadership and is heading this project. For information regarding development opportunities, contact the Mike Barnes Group.



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New Commercial Construction in Robinson

Robinson has enjoyed considerable new construction in recent months. The recently completed Quality Brickworks is but an example of this trend. The Robinson Economic Development Committee/City of Robinson has hosted two outstanding events in recently constructed buildings—Quality Brickworks and Robinson Place. Both are great examples of construction activity in Robinson. For information about opportunities in Robinson, contact the Mike Barnes Group.

Development Authority of Rockdale County Gears for Economic Development Strategy

DARC will host an event to “Roll-out” the Economic Development Strategy provided by the Mike Barnes Group. This Critical Path will serve as a guide for Rockdale County’s future economic development. The county possesses numerous attributes, including the City of Conyers’ International Horse Park adjacent. For information regarding DARC, contact the Mike Barnes Group.



Lacy Lakeview Update



Lacy Lakeview continues to expand its retail base with completion of a retail project along I-35 and numerous projects in the works. Much of this activity is the result of the pro-business attitude of city officials and a collaborative effort involving the Chamber, school districts, and local businesses. This McLennan County community, strategically located on Waco’s northern edge, serves as an example of economic development at its finest. Please contact the Mike Barnes Group for information.

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