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Stafford EDC Initiates Aggressive Business Retention/Expansion Program

The Stafford Economic Development Corporation and the Mike Barnes Group are working closely together in the Business Retention/Expansion Program. The firm has initiated the Business Retention/Expansion Program with staff and policy makers.

Companies were visited in July that indicate a solid growth pattern for Stafford. 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. Mike Barnes attended the Fort Bend Economic Developers meeting hosted by Stafford EDC. For information regarding opportunities within Stafford, contact the Mike Barnes Group.



Hillsboro, TX EDC Retains Mike Barnes Group to Provide Labor Market Analysis

The Mike Barnes Group will return to Hillsboro in August to provide a Labor Market Analysis for this outstanding community. The firm, has provided services to Hillsboro since the firm's inception. A comprehensive examination of the labor market in Hillsboro will be undertaken. In addition, the firm will similarly review the relationship between and among the community colleges, local school district, technical college, and Baylor University as it relates to growing the Hillsboro economy. The firm appreciates the opportunity to assist Hillsboro's EDC in this creative undertaking. For information regarding Hillsboro, contact Sandra Barner at (254) 582-5776. The firm will be assisted by Jack Allston of JBA and Associates, Rio Rancho, NM.



Everman EDC Actively Markets Community—David Miracle, Senior Associate of the firm, will attend the Hispanic Markets National Conference in San Antonio 8/1- 8/2/11 on behalf of the Everman EDC. Similarly, Miracle attended the recent ICSC Hispanic Markets Program in Dallas. The firm continues its work with the Business Improvement Grant Program in Everman. The website should be completed within 30 days and on line for viewing. Many exciting developments are underway for this DFW Metroplex Community. For information regarding opportunities in Everman, contact the Mike Barnes Group.

SETEDF continues to provide a regional focus on economic development. On July 21, the Regional Economic Development Initiative Group met in Silsbee to discuss various projects and marketing efforts aimed at identifying opportunities for the region. A number of new locations and expansions are slated for this 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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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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