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## The Jefferson County, Texas Commissioners Court Selects Mike Barnes Group to Direct the Strategic Planning Workshop in Beaumont.

The Mike Barnes Group will provide leadership to the Jefferson County Commissioners Court in their Strategic Planning Workshop in Beaumont on March 31st. The firm will assist the county government in developing a Vision Statement, Mission Statement and analyzing the county's overall strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats. The firm has been engaged in Southeast Texas with a variety of groups since 2005. The opportunity to work with county government is very much appreciated.



## Golden Triangle Days—Tremendous Success!



The Golden Triangle is made up of three main communities— Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange. According to Jim Rich, President of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, nearly 700 people attended an event on February 28th at the Austin Music Hall. This event occurs during the legislative sessions in Texas. It provides Southeast Texas an opportunity to meet with legislators and to showcase the region's attributes. Congratulations to all involved in making this a tremendous success. The Mike Barnes Group appreciates the opportunity to participate.

**Municipal Solutions, LLC is Launched** to provide services to entities of government. The firm's founder, Mike Nicoletti, possesses 31 years of municipal government experience, coupled with a Master of Public Administration. Municipal Solutions assists communities with policies/procedures, creation of city ordinances, charters, interim staffing for city management team, law enforcement issues and a host of government related services. Contact the Mike Barnes Group for more information at 830.833.5300 or 254.214.5969.

## Southeast Texas Economy on the Move!



Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation continues its ongoing economic development effort. The Regional Economic Development Initiative's website, [www.setedf.org](http://www.setedf.org), provides outstanding information regarding 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.

## The City of Everman EDC Marketing Plan Underway!

The Mike Barnes Group, through its Senior Associate, David Miracle, moved forward with Everman's economic development marketing activities. In addition to the new website, marketing projects involving regional economic development allies are underway. One of the ongoing projects for Everman include the Business Improvement Grant, which will assist local businesses in upgrading their facilities. For information regarding Everman, please contact MBG.



## Southeast Texas Workforce Solutions Update



The Mike Barnes Group and Workforce 1 Partners have submitted completed projects to the Workforce Solutions of Southeast Texas (SETWORKS). This collaborative effort has been recognized as cutting edge in the area of Economic Development/

Workforce collaborations. There is currently a funding request with the Economic Development Administration to fund the final phase of the innovative Workforce Intelligence Tool. For information as to how this collaborative effort could benefit your organization, contact MBG.

## Upcoming Events for the Firm

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights Groundbreaking April 4

Blanco EDC/USDA Workshop April 20

SETEDF Meeting April 21

IAMC Albuquerque April 30-May 4

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