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HAYS CALDWELL EDP

ANNUAL
REPORT



LETTERS TO OUR PARTNERS



Dear Communities, Educational Institutions, Businesses, Investors, and Colleagues,

It is with sincere gratitude for your investment of time, resources, and commitment to the growth of our shared region that we present our Annual Report. The achievements highlighted within these pages represent not only impressive progress but also the success of a collaborative effort. I hope you will recognize and are excited about the shared accomplishments where communities and entities have come together to turn vision into reality. Thank you for all you have contributed over the past year.

As we reflect on these achievements, it is equally important to set our sights on the future. In the upcoming fiscal year, we will embrace a new identity with a fresh name and brand. This rebranding is the result of years of dedication and thoughtful consideration, paying homage to the legacy established by our founding members. We are excited about this next chapter and look forward to shaping the future of HCEDP with the same intentionality and vision that has guided us thus far.

Our focus will also turn to updating our strategic plan for the next three years. This will be a roadmap for how we allocate resources, the industries we target, and the adjustments we make to our organization to remain responsive and effective. I warmly invite you to join us in these discussions—your expertise and insights are invaluable to shaping our shared future. Your contributions will have a lasting impact on the communities where we live, work, and play.

Last, but not least, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize the internal team at HCEDP. Their consistent effort, dedication to quality, excellence under tight timelines, execution within budget, with a great attitude are the backbone of all we do. We express gratitude for each one of them and will continue to support them as we move into the future.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of 2024, I am excited to embark on the next stage of our journey together. Let's continue to work in unison toward an even brighter future.

Sincerely,

Mick Hawton
Chairman of the Board



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As fiscal year 2024 comes to an end, I am filled with immense gratitude and a deep sense of accomplishment. Leading the Greater San Marcos Partnership (GSMP) is a privilege, and I could not be prouder of the progress we have made together. The GSMP today stands strong, driven by a talented team dedicated to fostering responsible economic development across both Hays and Caldwell Counties.

As we step into the new year, some changes will be noticeable. It is through these changes that we will continue to grow and strengthen our brand.

In collaboration with the Board, we undertook an extensive effort to rebrand the Partnership to better reflect our evolving mission. The new branding will ensure our message of inclusivity and regional unity. Our new slogan, "Greater Together," reinforces this message, and positions us to be more strategic in our areas of focus, operations, marketing, and financial planning. The rebranded Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership was an obvious and fitting choice for this next chapter.

As I continue to serve as President and CEO, I am excited to work alongside our communities and our dedicated team to carry this new brand forward, achieving even greater success in the future. I am deeply thankful for the unwavering loyalty and support from our stakeholders—because ultimately, that's who we are: a Partnership.

Together, we will continue to build a brighter and more prosperous future for the Hays and Caldwell County region.

With gratitude and optimism,

Mike Kamerlander
President & CEO
Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership



HAYS CALDWELL EDP

Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership,

or HCEDP, is a 501(c)6 nonprofit public-private partnership that serves as the regional economic development organization for the City of San Marcos, and Hays and Caldwell Counties, located at the heart of the Texas Innovation Corridor.

HCEDP promotes and markets the region to attract new employers, assists existing companies to expand, fosters entrepreneurial growth, and ensures the continued development of our skilled workforce.

As outlined by Vision 2025, the community's consensus-built economic development strategy, the services we provide to the Texas Innovation Corridor are focused on HCEDP's mission:

MISSION STATEMENT

Improve the quality of life for the residents in Hays and Caldwell Counties through focused, strategic and sustainable economic growth by facilitating the creation of high-quality jobs in growth-oriented target sectors; attracting new capital investment to the region; optimizing and preparing the regional workforce; and uniting the region's diverse stakeholders in the collaborative pursuit of economic prosperity for all.

★ **Business Attraction**

HCEDP works diligently with site consultants and company leaders through all phases of the site selection process, helping them to determine whether our region will be a good fit for a location or expansion. HCEDP promotes the assets, features and benefits of the Texas Innovation Corridor to attract new business operations and their job producing investment. Since HCEDP's founding in 2010, more than 70 companies have relocated or expanded to the footprint, resulting in an estimated annual economic impact of \$2.9 billion and thousands of new jobs for the residents of Hays and Caldwell Counties.

★ **Business Retention & Expansion**

HCEDP assists already established companies in Hays and Caldwell Counties, helping them with their growth and expansion aspirations by connecting them with a network of resources.

★ **Workforce/Talent Development**

HCEDP partners with government agencies, the local business community, educational institutions, and other workforce development partners to prepare our talented workforce for the current and future needs of our growing economy.

★ **Marketing**

The purpose of marketing is clear: to reach your target audience and showcase the advantages of relocating and growing your business along the Texas Innovation Corridor. Once established here, we aim to keep the benefits of doing business in Hays and Caldwell Counties 'top of mind' for others. The Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership's marketing team is dedicated to supporting your company's success by actively promoting your growth and prosperity within the region.

★ **Entrepreneurship**

HCEDP helps entrepreneurs and small business owners by connecting them with the regional resources they need to properly prepare, plan, grow and succeed in the Texas Innovation Corridor.





HAYS CALDWELL EDP

Team Members (from left to right)

Lance Winter

Director of Marketing & Communications

Emily Mathes

Director of Business Development

Daniel Hicks

Research Analyst

Shannon Webb

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Ted Groholske

Manager of Workforce Development

Christine Pollock

Marketing Specialist

Seated

Jennifer Rogers

Manager of Business Retention & Expansion

Mike Kamerlander

President and CEO

Jennifer Luna

Project Manager

MEET THE TEAM



SUCCESS STORIES

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS



LOCKHART/CALDWELL COUNTY



SAN MARCOS/HAYS COUNTY



CALDWELL COUNTY



SAN MARCOS/HAYS COUNTY



BUDA/HAYS COUNTY

THIRSTY PLANET

SAN MARCOS

697

DIRECT JOBS

\$1.446 BILLION

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

PROSPECT PIPELINE

113

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

37%

DIRECT LEADS

37,402

POTENTIAL JOBS

9,240

ACRES

20,451,337

SF

\$33,459,540,905

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

LEADS

36.7%

DIRECT

40.10%

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

23.2%

OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN

HCEDP ECONOMIC IMPACT (2010-2024)

82

OF PROJECTS

10,307

DIRECT NEW JOBS

\$4,715,574,025

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

\$5.35 BILLION

ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT FOR HAYS & CALDWELL COUNTIES



HAYS CALDWELL EDP

FY 24

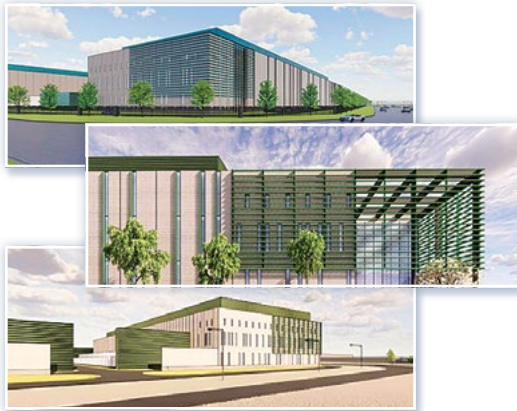
PROJECTS & EXPANSIONS



The Buc Stops Here: Largest Buc-ee's location opens in Luling

The City of Luling reclaimed its title of hosting the world's largest Buc-ee's location during a grand opening garnering significant attention with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott making a visit.

The new Luling facility, which covers more than 75,000 square feet, boasts 120 fuel pumps and employs 200 staff members, bested the previous title holder of Sevierville, Tenn. with its 74,707 square-foot facility.



Data center campus to be constructed in Caldwell County

The need to house critical computer applications, information and data is greater now than ever. That's why plans are underway for a large data center campus, on approximately 206 acres, to be constructed at the southeast corner of FM 2720 and Bob White Rd., in Caldwell County.

Caldwell County Commissioners Court announced plans to offer financial incentives for the construction of a \$1.3 billion turnkey data center by Prime Data Centers LLC.



Thirsty Planet

It's no surprise Texas ranks among the top 10 states with the most craft breweries. With a burgeoning community of brewers and beer enthusiasts, the Lone Star State has firmly planted its flag in the craft beer revolution.

Among the brewers making waves in this competitive market is Brian Smittle, founder of Thirsty Planet Brewing Company. With the continued rise of craft beer's popularity, Smittle is moving his operations from Austin to a new facility in San Marcos. The new location, a 21,000-square-foot facility located at 110 E. MLK in Crossroad Center, is set to become a beacon for craft beer enthusiasts in the region.

Buda City Council, Hays County put manufacturing project in forward motion

Futronic USA Inc., a leading manufacturer of motor vehicle transmission and powertrain parts and a supplier to Tesla, is setting its sights on the City of Buda for its first-ever US location. The South Korean-based company is eyeing the acquisition of the former Fat Quarter building, spanning 66,250 square feet and situated on the west (southbound) side of I-35, off Business Park Dr.

The building acquisition is estimated at \$11M with a capital investment of \$17M which will include building improvements, fixtures and equipment. The company estimates it will create at least 200 jobs, with an average wage of \$52,000.



RealCold to develop cold storage facility in Lockhart

F3 ColdCo Lockhart LLC, also referred to as RealCold, a major refrigerated warehouse and cold chain operator, will begin construction on a 302,400 SF facility in Lockhart beginning next year.

The project plans are to build two state-of-the-art cold storage facilities as part of its platform launch. These initial facilities will anchor a network of new cold storage facilities through which RealCold will provide cold chain services to address a growing and underserved need within the sector, driven by material changes in food distribution and fulfillment.



Balcones Real Estate eyes San Marcos for Class AA speculative development

Austin based real estate firm Balcones Real Estate Group is building a 98,000-square-foot Class AA speculative industrial warehouse distribution facility in San Marcos.

Located on 9 acres at 500 Wonder World Drive, there are some unique differences compared to other warehouses constructed in the region, said Otto Swingler with the real estate group.

Swingler said they have designed and permitted six total "spec office suites" allowing for move-in ready occupancy for tenants in the 7300 SF - 14,600 SF - 19,800 SF size range.



FY24 Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Efforts and Plans for FY25

In FY24, the—Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) continued its Manufacturers’ Roundtable series, focusing on strategies for employee retention and prioritizing key support to small businesses across the region.

Among the small business support events, HCEDP hosted sessions on AI & Cybersecurity and Tax Support for New LLC Filing Regulations, drawing 38 and 47 attendees, respectively. In collaboration with the City of San Marcos (COSM), HCEDP also supported the Riparius Foundation’s RIPPLE Program, a series of workshops aimed at coaching small businesses and nonprofits in San Marcos on securing grant funding. The program was particularly well-received, leading to an expansion for the next cohort to cover all of Hays County.

Looking ahead to FY25, HCEDP will continue its partnership with Hays and Caldwell Counties in their Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) initiatives. This ongoing collaboration reflects the organization’s dedication to fostering regional growth, ensuring that both employers and small businesses have the tools and resources they need to thrive in an evolving economic landscape.



HCEDP will continue its partnership with Hays and Caldwell Counties in their Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) initiatives.

In FY 2024, HCEDP focused on partnerships to support the entrepreneurial ecosystem developing in Hays and Caldwell Counties. Through these partnerships, HCEDP participated in and hosted several events including:

Member or Supported

- ★ 1 Million Cups
- ★ Downtown Association San Marcos
- ★ Leadership San Marcos
- ★ Riparius Foundation—RIPPLE
- ★ Manufacture’s Roundtable—Strategies for Employee Retention
- ★ Small Business Luncheons
- ★ LLC Tax Support New Filing Regulations 2024
- ★ AI and Cybersecurity

Partnered with area Chambers and SCORE—AI and Marketing for Small Businesses.

Attended ULI Breakfast to stay in the loop on area development and initiatives.

Attended Luncheons, Coffees, Breakfasts in Buda, Kyle, Dripping Springs, Lockhart, Wimberley.



These events were possible through a partnership with the City of San Marcos, Texas State University—San Marcos, the Better Business Bureau, SCORE, BLC of Texas, Kyle Economic Development, Buda Economic Development Corporation, Splash Coworking, and the US Commercial Service—Austin through the US Department of Commerce.

In addition to connecting small businesses to resources through targeted events, HCEDP attends key networking events across the two-county footprint to engage with and help entrepreneurs grow here and stay here.

The partnership efforts were highlighted during the Texas Downtown Association Annual Downtown Conference where HCEDP led a panel of community partners that shared best practices in building entrepreneurial ecosystems.

AS ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING REGIONS IN TEXAS, we are committed to looking ahead and ensuring our workforce has the best opportunities for success. Texas continues to outpace much of the country in business attraction and job growth, and we are proud to contribute to that momentum.



This year, the Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) successfully hosted two career fairs—one in Hays County in the City of Kyle and another in Caldwell County in the City of Lockhart. Additionally, we assisted the City of Buda with their career fair and the City of Kyle's youth-focused event at the Kyle Public Library. Our participation in the Quad County Skilled Trades Coalition for Caldwell County, along with support for the Caldwell County Good Jobs Grant program, extended our reach into employer outreach efforts. HCEDP also engaged in the St. David's Foundation Community Conversation on the Care Economy, addressing healthcare workforce challenges, and worked with Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area's Pathways Leadership Team to identify employment pathways in the skilled trades.

By collaborating with employers to identify talent pipelines, we help grow our workforce while also promoting best practices for employee retention. In our two-county region, local school Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offer more than 115 certifications, preparing students for both post-high school careers and higher education. Strengthening connections between employers and CTE programs enhances student experiences and fills critical workforce gaps.

We continue to foster relationships with Texas State University, Austin Community College, Texas State Technical College and Alamo College's educational and training institutions, offering local employer's new opportunities to explore employee training and certification programs that support retention and career advancement.

It's been a busy year, but we're always excited to make a difference for our community.

LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?

CALDWELL CAREER FAIR

Employers Include:

- Caldwell, Comal and Hays County (Adult Probation)
- Caldwell County Sheriff's Office
- Capital Idea
- City of Lockhart
- Community Action of Central TX
- FSS Appliance
- Gary Job Corp
- Golden Age Home
- Lockhart ISD
- Lockhart Police Dept.
- Luling Care Center
- Pegasus Schools, Inc.
- Pure Castings Co.
- Randolph-Brooks FCU
- Republic Services
- TX Dept. Family & Protective Services
- Texas Veterans Commission
- Williams Career School of Excellence
- Windham School District
- Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area

DATE: Sept. 5, 2024
TIME: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
LOCATION: LOCKHART LIONS CLUB, 220 Bullfinch Lane, Lockhart, TX

PRESENTED BY: Lockhart Economic Development, Greater San Marcos, Texas Veterans Commission

Employers looking for the best Caldwell County have to offer!
 Bring your resume and dress to impress.

The HCEDP staff collaborated with the external PR firm, Jeff's Journey, to secure a record number of media placements at the local, regional, and national levels throughout 2024.



San Antonio Express-News
Austin American-Statesman



YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

The Texas Innovation Corridor's ideal location with access to Interstate Highways 35 & 10, Highway 130, and three nearby airports offers companies a best-in-the-nation location to rapidly distribute goods across the entire United States.



The region's transportation and warehousing sector is booming as a result, growing by 56 percent over the last five years, far outpacing national trends. With a location quotient of 3.96 for warehousing, and over 1.5 million square feet of new industrial and logistics space completed in the last 12 months, our region is poised to continue its trend as the premier location for US and International companies.

The region has strengths in non-scheduled air transportation (LQ = 8.42) and warehousing and storage (4.21). The target has also experienced considerable employment growth over the last 10 years, nearly growing by 508.1 percent since early 2011. In the last ten years, the region has grown particularly in the specific subsectors of warehousing and storage (772.6 percent in Hays and Caldwell Counties—almost 6 times more than the national average), and process, physical distribution, and logistics consulting services (225.8 percent in Hays and Caldwell Counties—4 times more than the national average).

TOP KEYWORDS | October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

**GREEN INITIATIVES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TRADE EXPANSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE
ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES OFFICE
PUBLIC-ACCESS DEDICATION LOCAL
INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGING SITE CITY
JOBS CHARGE REVENUE BATTERY
INTELLIGENT CHARGING SOLUTIONS PROVIDER**

FOCUSING ON THE HAYS CALDWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP REGION (HAYS & CALDWELL COUNTIES) STATS:

24.9%

5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH

26.5%

JOB GROWTH (VS NATIONAL OF 4.3%)

5.0%

JOB GROWTH

IN HAYS COUNTY 2023

Hays County had the largest job growth of any large county in the US in 2023, growing by 5.0% in just one year.

The trade, transportation, and utilities sectors grew by 7.1% in that same period.

1.58

MILLION SQ FT

NEW INDUSTRIAL SPACE

In Hays & Caldwell counties,
July 2023 – July 2024

10%

MORE AFFORDABLE

OFFICE LEASES PER SQ FT THAN AUSTIN

4,300

NEW BUSINESSES STARTED

HAYS & CALDWELL COUNTY IN 2023

+4,863

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

+4,226

MANAGEMENT

+2,748

FOOD PREP & SERVING

+1,894

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

+1,270

CONSTRUCTION

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS
OVER LAST FIVE YEARS

MARKETING ANALYTICS

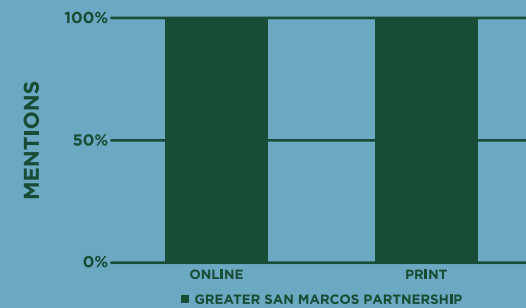
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611M

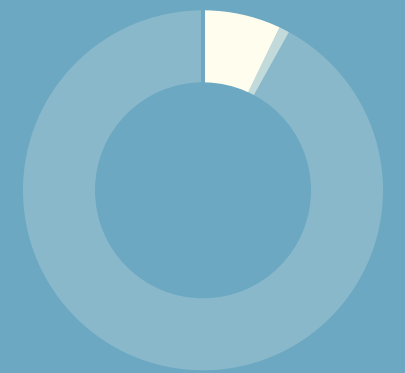
TOTAL REACH

495

TOTAL MENTIONS



SHARE OF VOICE BY NEWS MEDIA TYPE



SENTIMENT BREAKDOWN

October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Serving as a regional economic development organization in Hays and Caldwell Counties is just a part of what we do.

We're also a community partner that gives back time and resources. It's part of building life-long relationships with our clients and communities.

The Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership's employees are the ones that make this happen. We encourage our employees to remain involved in the communities they serve by volunteering with organizations of their choosing.

Throughout 2024 employees have given a countless number of hours at local organizations such as the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital Foundation, San Marcos Education Foundation, United Way of Hays and Caldwell Counties, Leadership San Marcos, San Marcos Historic Preservation Commission, Lockhart Education Foundation Golf tournament to name a few.

GIVING BACK: OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITIES OF HAYS AND CALDWELL COUNTIES

At the Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP), we see ourselves as more than just a regional economic development organization. We're deeply invested in the well-being and growth of the communities we serve, fostering long-term relationships with both clients and local organizations. Our commitment to giving back is a reflection of these relationships, and we encourage our employees to remain actively involved by volunteering their time and resources to causes they care about.

Throughout 2024, HCEDP employees have collectively dedicated countless hours to local organizations, ranging from healthcare foundations to educational initiatives and community leadership programs. Some of the organizations we've supported include CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital Foundation, the San Marcos Education Foundation, United Way of Hays and Caldwell Counties, Leadership San Marcos, and the San Marcos Historic Preservation Commission, among others.

Here are a few highlights of how we've contributed to these vital organizations:

CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital Foundation

The Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership is proud to support CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital and its ongoing dedication to community health and wellness. One of the ways we contribute is through our participation in their Star of Texas Gala, which honors the hospital's healthcare heroes.

HCEDP is also represented on the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital Foundation board, helping ensure the hospital's continued impact on our community.



San Marcos Education Foundation

The mission of the San Marcos Education Foundation is to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and create opportunities for all students within the San Marcos CISD. Their goal is to recognize and reward innovation and excellence in education while helping every student reach their highest potential. The Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership actively supports this mission by serving on the foundation's board and participating in fundraising events, including their popular Skeet Shoot.



Texas State Comptroller

The Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership was proud to co-host along with the Texas State Comptroller's office, a symposium covering a variety of subjects including Tax Increment Financing, Abatements, 380-381 Economic Development Agreements, Hotel Occupancy Taxes, Economic Development Corporations, Public Improvement Districts, Municipal Development Districts, and Jobs Energy Technology and Innovation.



These are just a few examples of how the Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership is making a difference. Through our efforts, we continue to strengthen our relationships with local organizations, while enhancing the quality of life for those we serve in the region.



OUR INVESTORS

OTHER SPONSORSHIPS

Dripping Springs

Dripping Springs—Founders Day

Kyle

Kyle Chamber—Fire & Ice Gala

Kyle Chamber—Golf Classic

Kyle Chamber—Kyle Sporting Clay Classic

Lockhart

Lockhart Education

Foundation—50 Lions Who Can Cook

Lockhart Education

Foundation—Chip in for Golf

Lockhart—Annual Chisolm Trail Roundup

Lockhart Chamber—89th Annual Awards

Luling

Luling—Zedler Mill Foundation

San Marcos

San Marcos Chamber of Commerce—Annual Dinner

San Marcos Sights & Sounds

San Marcos River Clean Up

San Marcos—Christus Santa Rosa—Stars of Texas Gala

San Marcos Education

Foundation—Skeet Shoot

Leadership San Marcos

San Marcos Chamber—State of the City Address

Wimberley

Wimberley Valley Chamber of Commerce—Luncheon Sponsor (2)

Wimberley Valley Chamber of Commerce—Golf Tournament

Hays County

United Way Charity Golf Classic

LEAD INVESTORS (\$20,000+)

Brookfield Residential Properties Inc

Buda Economic Development Corp.*

BVRT Utility Holding Co., LLC

Caldwell County*

CHRISTUS Santa Rosa

Hospital—San Marcos

City of Kyle*

City of San Marcos*

Corridor Title

Doucet & Associates A

Kleinfelder Company

Embassy Suites

ENDEAVOR Real Estate Group

Frost Bank

Hays County*

La Cima

Lower Colorado River Authority*

McCoy's Building Supply

Pedernales electric corporative

Plum Creek Development Partners

Scarborough Lane Development

SH-130 Concession Company

Texas State University*

Walton Development & Management

Winstead PC

PRINCIPAL INVESTORS (\$10,000+)

American Constructors

Austin Business Journals

Austin Community College*

Carson Properties

CBRE, Inc.

GBRA

Headwater Companies

Highpointe Communities

Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors

HNTB

Ingram Readymix, Inc.

JE Dunn Construction

La Tierra Realty

Live Oak

Lockhart Economic

Development Corporation*

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Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.

Real Cold/Related Fund Management

Rosendin Electric, Inc.

Southwest Engineers Inc.

SpawGlass

Tex-Mix Concrete

EXECUTIVE INVESTORS (\$5,000+)

American Ventures

Anomaly Real Estate Consulting

Avison Young

Bowman Consulting

CFAN

Chuck Nash

Citizen State Bank

City of Dripping Springs*

City of Luling

City of Umland*

City of Wimberley*

Clean Scapes LP

Cude Engineers

Divided Sky Roofing & Solar

DPFG, Inc.

Four Rivers Association of Realtors

Gary Job Corps

HCS Technical Services, LLC

Heldenfels Enterprises, Inc.

Heritage Title of Austin

KDW-Kingham Dalton Wilson, Ltd.

Kimley-Horn

Luling EDC*

Mark Shields Enterprises

Mark Smith Realty Consultants

Maxwell Locke & Ritter

Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams, LLP

Red Oak Development Group

Republic Services

RiverCity Screenprinting & Embroidery

RVi Planning & Landscape Architecture

Schertz Bank & Trust

Square One Consultants

Structure Tone—STO Building Group

Studio8 Architects

T. Wilson

Texas Disposal Systems

Texas Gas Service

Texas Regional Bank

Umland EDC*

University Federal Credit Union

Watteridge

ASSOCIATE INVESTORS (\$1,500+)

Ace Relocation Systems, Inc.

American Structurepoint

Arc Sentry

Ascension Seton Hays

Astound Broadband

Balcones Real Estate

Bank of America

Bartlett Cocke General Contractors

Benchmark Insurance Group

Benesch

BGE, Inc.

BGK Barnes Gromatzky

Kosarek Architects

Centerpoint Plaza Shopping Center

Cleary Zimmermann

Cody's Restaurant Bar & Patio

ColorMix Graphics

First Lockhart National Bank

Fuse Architecture Studio, PLLC

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Green Guy Recycling Services

Half Associates

Hart Properties

Independence Title Co-Buda

K. Friese & Associates

Karnes County National Bank of Karnes

City

Land Consultants, Ltd. Co.

Mochas & Javas

CERRUS Builders (Formerly MW Builders)

MWM Design Group

Ozona Bank

Peregrine Land Investments

RBFCU—Randolph Brooks Federal Credit

Union

Sage Capital Bank

Structures PE, LLP

Texas Aviation Partners, LLC.

The Damron Group Realtors

Two P's & Calli's Boutique

United Properties

WGI, Inc

COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Buda Chamber of Commerce

Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce

Lockhart Chamber of Commerce

Luling Area Chamber of Commerce

San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce

Wimberley Valley Chamber of Commerce



LOCKHART, TX

*Community and Public Partners

BOARD MEMBERS

Mick Hawton

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Buda Economic Development

HONORING A LEGACY OF INNOVATION

The Richard “Dick” Burdick Award

Richard “Dick” Burdick, the visionary founder and chairman of Thermon, passed away on February 25, 2018, leaving behind an indelible legacy of leadership, ingenuity, and service to others. His impact, both locally and globally, is felt through his groundbreaking work and commitment to innovation, making him one of the brightest success stories of the Texas Innovation Corridor and a respected figure in his industry worldwide.

In 2013, the Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership established the Burdick Award for Innovation to honor Mr. Burdick’s remarkable contributions. The inaugural presentation of the award was fittingly made to both Thermon and Mr. Burdick himself, recognizing his role as a trailblazer in the world of technology and manufacturing. Although Mr. Burdick is no longer with us, his legacy of creativity and forward-thinking solutions continues to inspire the next generation of innovators.

The Burdick Award is presented annually to local companies that exemplify Mr. Burdick’s spirit of innovation. These companies are recognized for developing inventive solutions to complex challenges and for their role in advancing the Texas Innovation Corridor as a hub of creativity and technological advancement. Past recipients

include Quantum Materials, MicroPower Global, Paratus Diagnostics, Bautex, Visionary Fiber Technologies, Veritacor, BVRT, X-Bow, and most recently, Method Manufacturing.

The Burdick Award for Innovation is a testament to the transformative power of vision and leadership, celebrating those who are not only pushing boundaries but also bringing global attention to the ingenuity thriving in our region. The Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership is proud to present this award each year, ensuring that Richard Burdick’s enduring legacy of innovation lives on in the companies and individuals who continue to shape the future.

His legacy of creativity and forward-thinking solutions continues to inspire the next generation of innovators.



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