

BRINGING BACK MAIN STREET

International Economic Development Council

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Agenda



1. Overview of IEDC Services

Economic Resilience Opportunities for Texas Communities

About IEDC



- World's largest, oldest organization for economic development with 5,000+ members and network of 30,000+
- Mission is to help people involved in economic development at all levels to do the jobs more effectively
- When we succeed, economic developers help improve the quality of life in their communities

IEDC's Services



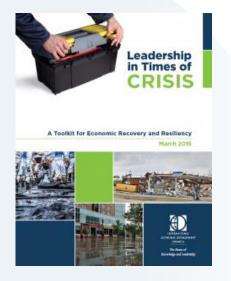


Certification

- Industry-recognized credentials for both organizations and individuals
- Become a leader in your profession and have your organization meet industry standards of excellence



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Content for ED Professionals

- Research, publications, newsletters, webinars
- Some fee-based, some no-cost

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Conferences

- Meet with industry leaders
- Learn latest trends to help you help your community succeed



Technical Assistance

 Reports and research delivered by IEDC staff, members and volunteers

Economic Recovery Program



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- Grants from U.S. Economic Development Administration
- Working in disaster-affected communities since Hurricane Katrina
- Deploy volunteers provide technical assistance on a wide range of economic development projects
- Develop courses, workshops, and other resources
- No cost to community



How Does it Work?



How does it work?

An economic development organization or governmental entity in a disaster-impacted community identifies an economic recovery project

IEDC drafts a scope of work and identifies volunteers with matching skills The volunteers work in the community for one week to provide expertise and additional capacity on the project

Who Are The Volunteers?



- Economic development professionals who want to lend their expertise to communities in need
- Typically at least 10 years of experience
- Many are CEcDs
- Subject matter experts in the area of your focus
- You!



What Does a Visit Look Like?



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Days 1-3: Meetings and interviews between volunteer and key stakeholders, businesses, and community members

Day 4: Development of recommendations and action items

Day 5: Presentation and discussion of preliminary recommendations

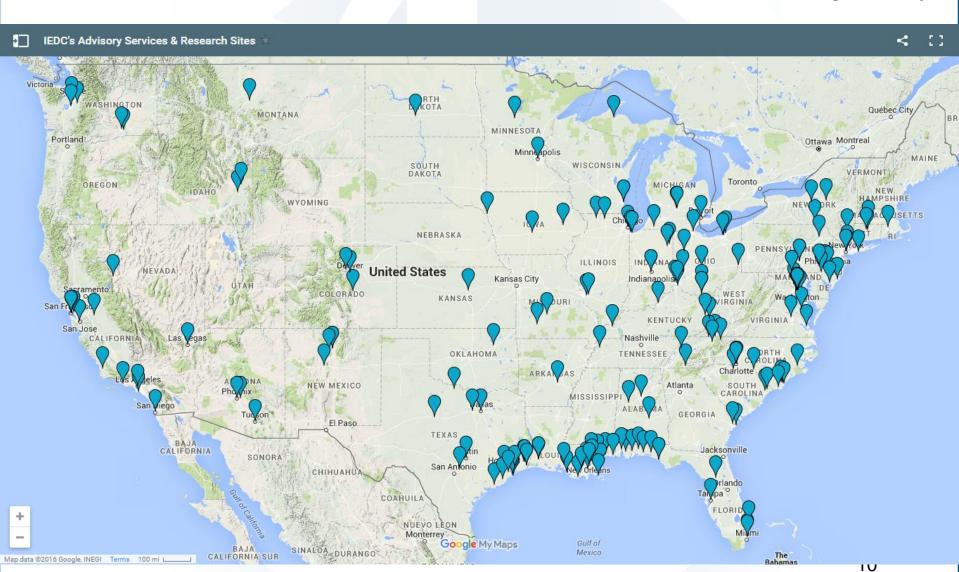
Common deliverables post-visit can include:

- Observation report with key findings and recommendations
- Action plan for next steps
- Analysis of industry or economic development priorities identified in scope of work



Where We've Worked

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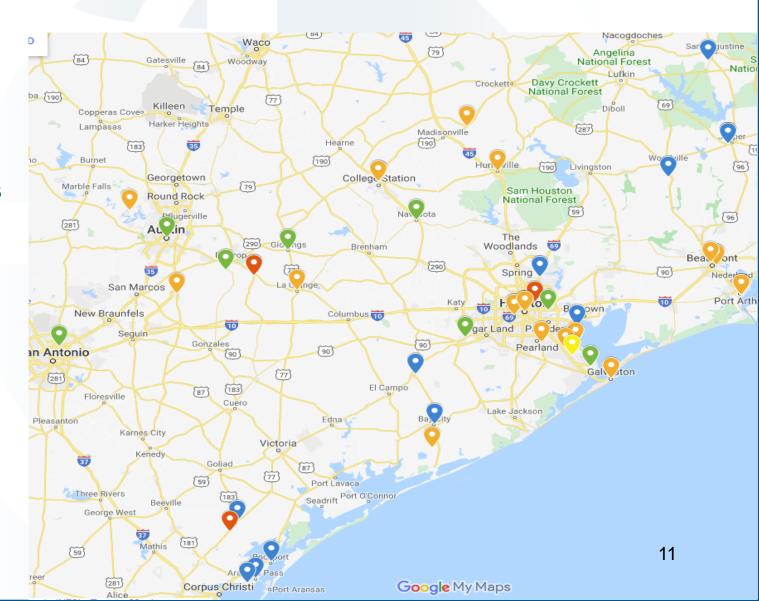


Texas Work Since 2017



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52 Communities Served



Examples of Work for Texas Communities



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Houston-Galveston Area Council August 19-23, 2019

- Workshop w/ Opportunity Zone Experts
- Provided 1on1 consultation on OZ with El Campo, Kendleton, Palacios, Richmond, Texas City, Wharton
- Volunteers: Ron Berkebile, City of Virginia Beach & Peter Malone, Hudson Hamilton Group



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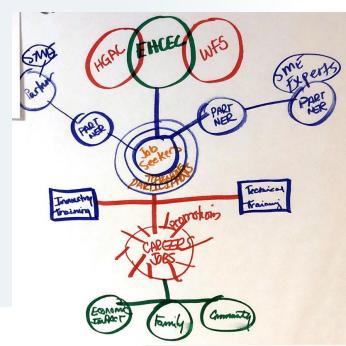
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East Harris County Empowerment Council July 9-12, 2019

- Scope of Work: Development of an Action Plan for a Workforce Readiness Program for East Harris County residents
- 5-day visit including interviews with stakeholders and work sessions with EHCEC
- Volunteer: Allison Larsen, CEcD, TadZo Consulting





(Top) Allison Larsen interviews EHCEC stakeholder

(Left) Mapping EHCEC's workforce ecosystem

Upcoming Texas Work





Volunteer arrives tonight!

- · Focus: Develop economic development strategy
- · Volunteer: Susan Grafton, Allegiance Consulting



Early 2020

· Focus: Economic development strategy

· Volunteer: TBD



November 12-16

- · Focus: Strategic planning process
- Volunteers: Jim Fram Founder, Community Growth & Services Ron Swager – President, Swager Consulting



Early 2020

- Focus: Economic development, retail and tourism attraction strategy
- Volunteer: Gynii Gilliam President of Jobs Plus Inc. Coeur d'Alene, ID

Scopes of Work



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Resources



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