

Debra Drescher

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For the past 10 years, Debra Drescher has been State Coordinator for the Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission, leading an 8-member team who works with Texas' 88 designated Main Street communities. She also provides technical assistance to those communities, helping them build and maintain strong Main Street programs. Prior to joining the THC, Ms. Drescher staffed the Texas Downtown Association, a statewide membership organization for those involved in downtown revitalization. Elected service includes a decade on a school board during which time more than 20 public school facilities were built or renovated to accommodate an influx of approximately 1,000 students each year. Ms. Drescher currently serves on the national executive council of state Main Street coordinators; is an ex-officio member of Texas Downtown Association board and has recently joined the board of the Texas Rural Leadership Program. She has a bachelor's from University of North Texas and a master of public administration from Texas State University.