

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM** 

### Expanding Economic Prosperity in Texas Communities

November 17, 2023



#### **OUR MISSION:**

To positively impact the economic prosperity of Texas

# EDT coordinates the state's economic development efforts:

- Promote Texas as a premier business location & tourist destination;
- Facilitate new jobs and capital investment through business attraction, business retention and entrepreneurship;
- Administer state incentive programs;
- Assist Texas companies to explore international markets;
- Provide economic research;
- Assist economic growth in targeted industries.

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The Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office (EDT) promotes the state of Texas as a leading global business location and premier travel destination.



#### BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BCD focuses on the creation of new jobs and investment through domestic and international business recruitment, expansion and retention; increasing Texas exports; and small business development and entrepreneurship.

- Business Recruitment
- Business Retention & Expansion

Small Business & Permit Assistance

- Regional Offices
- Economic Research
- Marketing & Promotion
- International Trade



#### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The Community Relations team represents the office in five regions around the state. The Regional Representatives communicate directly with the local governments and stakeholders to assist with increasing economic development capacity, organize workshops and provide stakeholders with updates on state programs and resources.

#### **Regional Representatives:**

- West Vacant North – Janie Havel
- Central Vacant
- East Betty Russo
- South Mallory McCoy



# **TEXAS SUCCESS STORY**



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Texas is the **8th largest** economy in the world based on GDP, ahead of Russia, Canada, Italy & Brazil. (*if Texas were a nation*)



Texas has the second largest civilian labor force in the nation – more than 15 million industrious people.



With <u>no</u> corporate income tax and <u>no</u> individual income tax, Texas has one of the lowest tax burdens in the country.



ECONOMIC STRENGTH

JOBS

CREATOR

In 2022, Texas was the **nation's top exporter** for the 21st year in a row.

Texas was #1 in the

nation for jobs added in

2022 with

650,100 JOBS.



Texas ranks #1 in the nation for foreign trade zone economic impact.



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#### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**



Texas named the nation's 'Best State for Business' for the 19th consecutive time



Texas is ranked as the 'Best Business Climate' in America for 2023



Texas ranked as #1 growth state in America for 2022



Texas awarded Site Selection Magazine's Governor's Cup for the 11th year in a row



Texas received Area Development Magazine's '2023 Silver Shovel Award'



Texas is home to three of the top 10 most diverse cities in the U.S.



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#### AWARDS & ACCOLADES



Six Texas colleges ranked among the top 100 schools on the 'Best National Universities' list for 2022-23



Texas ranked #1 for jobs created by African American, Hispanic & veteran women business owners



Texas is among the Best States to Start a Business in the country



Texas ranked as the 'Best Business Climate' in the U.S. by corporate executives and site selectors



Texas received four 'Deal of the Year Awards' from Business Facilities



Texas ranked #1 in the nation for Foreign Trade Zone activity

#### **DIVERSE & GROWING POPULATION**

- More than 15 million strong, Texas' civilian labor force is the **second largest in the nation** and continues to grow.
- With a population of **30+ million**, Texas is a popular location for talent to relocate.
- Texas' population grew more last year than any other state, for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- Texas has added nearly **4.8 million new** residents since 2010—more than California and New York combined.

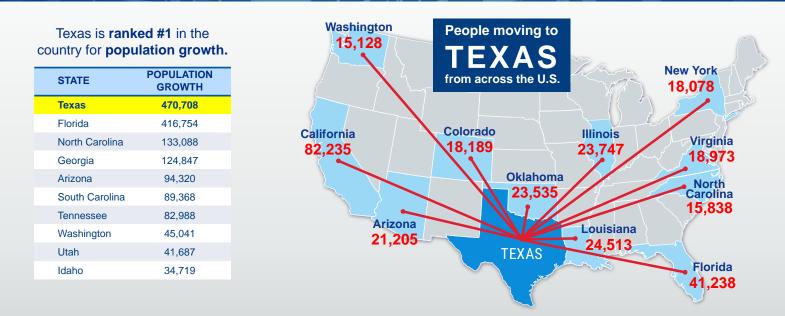








#### **POPULATION GROWTH**



Texas has the **most counties of any state in the top 10** in terms of largest population gains: Harris, Collin, Denton, Fort Bend, Bexar and Montgomery.

## ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



#### THE BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM ASSISTED WITH:

316 INVESTMENT PROSPECTS 50 PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

**EXPECTED TO CREATE AT LEAST:** 

16,760 NEW JOBS



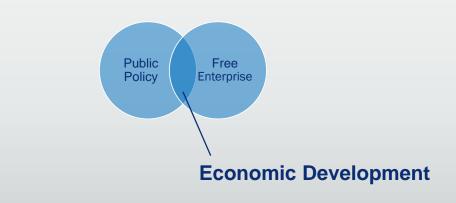
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE HOSTED 20 SMALL BUSINESS WITH +7,800 EVENTS & WEBINARS PARTICIPANTS



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE PORTAL ENGAGEMENTS

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Creates economic diversity that sustains each local economy throughout business cycles
- Goal: to increase the per capita income levels of residents.



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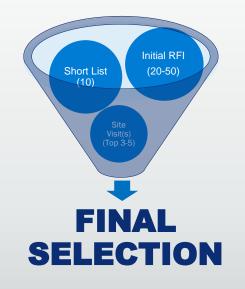


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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Not "Site Selection" but "Site Elimination"



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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

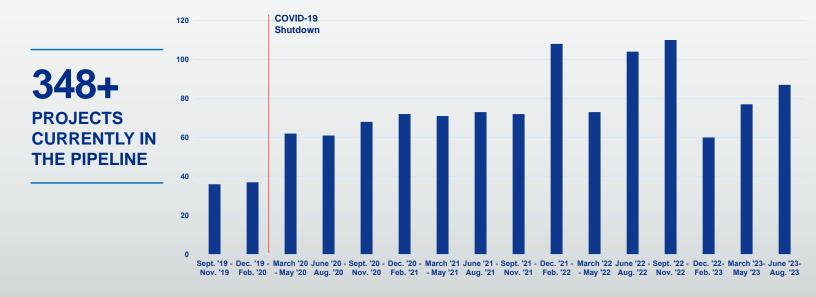
#### What Differentiates Your Locality?

- What is our comparative advantage?
  - Workforce
  - "Business Friendly"
  - Tax Structure
  - Reasonable Regulations
  - Universities & Innovation
  - Infrastructure
  - Geographic location
  - Cost of doing business
  - Affordability





#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

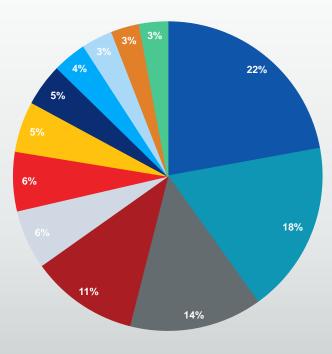


#### **PROSPECTS DEVELOPED**



#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

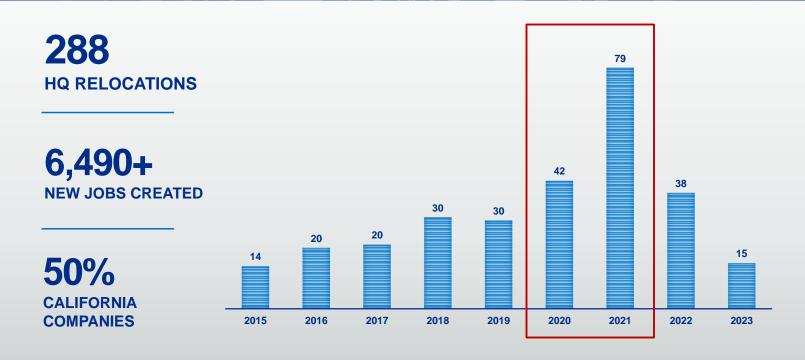




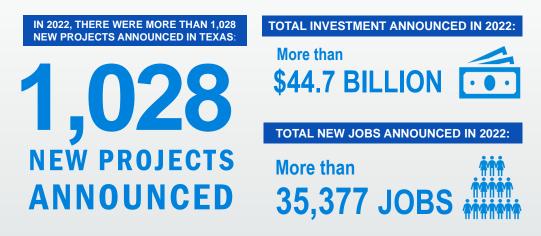
- General Manufacturing
- Advanced Technology & Manufacturing
- Energy
- Petroleum Refining & Chemical Products
- Automotive Manufacturing
- Aerospace, Aviation & Defense
- Food & Agriculture
- Biotechnology & Life Sciences
- Other
- Corporate Services
- Information & Computer Technology
- Distribution & Supply Chain



#### TOTAL HQ RELOCATIONS TO TEXAS (2015-SEPT. 6, 2023)



#### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 2022 RECAP



IN 2022, THERE WERE 38 CORPORATE HEADQUARTER RELOCATIONS TO TEXAS:

**HEADQUARTER RELOCATIONS** 



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# 88<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION



A new competitive economic incentive program, HB 5, will help ensure our communities have the necessary economic development tools in their toolbox to continue attracting new jobs, bringing new capital investment and creating high-paying jobs to Texas communities.



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#### **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS:**

**Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund**: Provides loan funding to economic development corporations in Texas for economic development purposes.

**Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program:** Provides qualifying moving image productions the opportunity to apply for a cash grant based on a percentage of a production's eligible in-state spending, including eligible wages paid to Texas residents.

**Media Production Development Zones**: Now permits smaller communities to be designated, allowing for a sales-and-use tax exemption for construction, maintenance, or renovation of a media production facility, based on factors such as capital investment, job creation, and wages.

**Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program**: A new grant program providing the opportunity for eligible music venues and music festival promoters to apply for a partial rebate of the mixed beverage gross receipts tax to encourage expansion of the live music industry and jobs in Texas communities. *Applications now open through Nov. 30, 2023.* 

**Texas Enterprise Zone**: A state sales and use tax refund program designed to encourage private investment and job creation in economically distressed areas. Modifications were made, providing a telework allowance for qualified jobs and allowing electronic submission of applications.

#### **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS:**

**Texas Space Commission** and **Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium**: A new commission with grantmaking authority to support development of emerging technologies, research, workforce training, and infrastructure for space exploration and commercial aerospace; to promote innovation; and to attract capital investment and new jobs. Supported by a higher education consortium with a joint mission to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to strengthen the state's proven leadership in civil, commercial, and military aerospace activity.

#### Texas CHIPS Act & Texas CHIPS Office:

**Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium** is a new program that will develop a statewide strategic plan for semiconductor industry growth and ensure the state's leadership in advanced semiconductor research, design, and manufacturing. The **Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund** will provide matching funds to Texas higher education institutions for eligible semiconductor manufacturing and design projects and provide the opportunity for eligible businesses to apply for grants to encourage economic development and job creation.

Texas is also creating **Specialty Business Courts**. Having judges that specialize in complex areas of commercial litigation will create more predictability in Texas law and free up the dockets of general jurisdiction courts in Texas

Texas is investing in the future of our workforce through the **Public Junior College State Finance Program** and **Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Program** for students enrolled in dual credit courses at participating institutions of higher education.



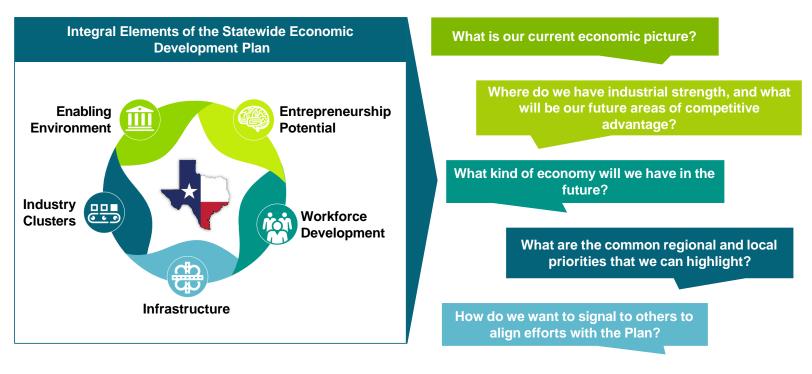
# TEXAS STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**Project Introduction** 

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Texas has a highly diversified economy, rich in resources and anchored by industry, but how will it harness trends of the future?





# The plan will position EDT to coordinate priorities across economic development areas to create jobs and grow economic prosperity



The Statewide Economic Development Plan will encompass these four key development areas to facilitate holistic, sustainable growth.





# **THANK YOU**



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