



2025 Economic Excellence Recognition Application

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Total Organization Staff: _____ Econ. Dev. Staff: _____ No. of Board Members: _____

Qualifications for Applicant: Applicant must have at least one individual that is a member of the Texas Economic Development Council.

Evaluation Item	
(See page 2 for examples of qualifying items. Numbers in [] reflect points awarded for that level. Recognition requires 100 total points)	
1.	Percentage of current Board / Council Members who have attended Economic Development Sales Tax Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 85% [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 70% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [5] <input type="checkbox"/> 25% [3]
2.	Percentage of current Board / Council Members who have attended Open Meetings Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 85% [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 70% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [5] <input type="checkbox"/> 25% [3]
3.	Percentage of current Board / Council Members who have attended other qualified educational seminars. <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 85% [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 70% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [5] <input type="checkbox"/> 25% [3] List seminars: _____
4.	Economic Development Executive / Director attended qualified educational seminars <u>in the application year</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: [20] List seminars: _____
5.	Percentage of other Economic Development staff that attended qualified educational seminars <u>in the application year</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 75% [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 25% [5] List seminars: _____
6.	Professional certification / registration held by Economic Development Executive / Director <input type="checkbox"/> CED / CEcD / EcD / MEDP [20] <input type="checkbox"/> Other [5] List other certifications: _____
7.	Percentage of other Economic Development staff that hold professional certifications or registrations CED / CEcD / EcD / MEDP: <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 75% [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 25% [5] Other <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 75% [5] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [3] List certifications: _____
8.	Economic Development Executive / Director membership in professional organizations <input type="checkbox"/> TEDC/IEDC: [15] <input type="checkbox"/> Other [5] List Organizations: _____
9.	Percentage of Economic Development staff who are members of professional organizations TEDC <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 75% [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 25% [5] SEDC / IEDC: <input type="checkbox"/> 100% [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 75% [5] <input type="checkbox"/> 50% [3]
10.	Number of Organizational Effectiveness Tools utilized by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 5 [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 4 [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 3 [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 2 [5]
11.	Economic Development Strategic Plan Adopted / updated in the last <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs [20] <input type="checkbox"/> 5 yrs [15] <input type="checkbox"/> 10 yrs [10] <input type="checkbox"/> In progress [5]
12.	Other ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Special Plan or Study adopted / updated in the last <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 5yrs [8] <input type="checkbox"/> 10 yrs [5] Plan or Study: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs [10] <input type="checkbox"/> 5yrs [8] <input type="checkbox"/> 10 yrs [5] Plan or Study: _____
Provide a short statement of why your Economic Development efforts are valuable to your community.	

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Application must be received by February 13, 2026.**

Email application to Jessica De Leon jessica@texasedc.org, or mail to 919 Congress Avenue, Suite 1145, Austin, Texas. There is a \$100.00 application fee. Please make check payable to TEDC.

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EXAMPLES OF QUALIFYING ITEMS

REF	Evaluation Item
1	<u>Sales Tax Workshops</u> : Any seminar related to Type A or Type B Economic Development Sales tax legislation as provided by the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) or other qualified provider.
2	<u>Open Meetings Seminars</u> : Any seminar or meeting mandated by the Texas Government Code, Section 555.005 as provided by: Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC), Council of Governments (COG), Southwest Legal Foundation, Continuing Legal Education (CLE), Texas Municipal League (TML), International City Manager's Association (ICMA) or other qualified training provider.
3 - 5	<u>Board Member / Economic Development Staff Education</u> : Any ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT workshop or seminar as provided by: Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC), Community Development Institute (CDI), Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Council of Governments (COG), American Planning Association (APA), Southwest Legal Foundation, Continuing Legal Education (CLE), Texas Municipal League (TML), International City Manager's Association (ICMA), Economic Development Institute (EDI) or other qualified education provider.
6 - 7	<u>Professional Certifications or Registrations</u> : Certified Economic Developer (CED / CEcD / EcD), Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED), Certified Planner (AICP), Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP), Master Economic Development Practitioner (MEDP)
8 - 9	<u>Professional Organizations</u> : Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC), Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), International Economic Development Council (IEDC), American Planning Association (APA).
10	<u>Organizational Effectiveness Tools</u> : Any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted Mission / Goals Statement Annual program of work Formally adopted budget Formal job descriptions for key people Periodic newsletter from org to leadership Regularly scheduled Board / CC meeting
11	<u>Economic Development Strategic Plan</u> : A comprehensive plan intended to establish strategic policy direction for the agency's economic development efforts.
12	<u>Special Plan or Study</u> : A special plan or study having A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT, e.g. Corridor Study, Historic Preservation District, Neighborhood Plan, Economic Development Plan, Urban Design Guidelines, Tourism Development Plan, Visioning Plan, Downtown Revitalization Plan.
Misc.	<u>Economic Development Staff</u> : Means all positions engaged in normal economic development functions, e.g. Executive Director, BRE Manager, Marketing Manager, Economic Development Technician / Specialist. It does not include administrative or clerical staff.

Note: The application period for qualifying items in the application year is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Note: The TEDC may request validation of any submittal by the applicant.

