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TEDC Announces Recipients of the 2026 Community Economic Development Awards

The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) has announced the recipients of our 2026 Community Economic Development Awards. Six recipients have been awarded in their respective population categories. An additional thirty nominees were recognized for their outstanding economic development projects, including three that received honorable mentions. The 2026 Community Economic Development Award nominees and recipients were recognized at the TEDC's 2026 Annual Conference on October 8, 2026, in Houston, Texas.

The Community Economic Development Awards program recognizes Texas communities whose economic development programs or projects have made the most significant contribution to economic development in their community and the State of Texas. Members of the TEDC's CEDA Committee reviewed and scored the applications from the nominees based on five criteria: innovativeness, transferability, community commitment and leverage, measured objectives, and secondary benefits.

Communities nominated included: *Population Less than 10,000* – Canton, Hillsboro, Hitchcock, La Vernia and Marble Falls; *Population 10,001 to 20,000* – Buda, Freeport, Levelland, Lockhart, Seabrook, Snyder and Taylor; *Population 20,001 to 50,000* – Belton, Colleyville, Greenville, Manor, Schertz and Stephenville; *Population 50,001 to 100,000* – Celina, Longview, Pflugerville and Sherman; *Population 100,001 to 250,000* – Abilene, Edinburg, Georgetown, Grand Prairie, Killeen, McAllen, Richardson and Round Rock; *Population 250,000 and Above* – City of El Paso, El Paso County, Greater Houston Partnership, greater:SATX, Laredo and Lubbock.

The 2026 Community Economic Development Award recipients are:

Population (Less than 10,000): **Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation** – VT Chemical
Population (10,001 to 20,000): **Taylor Economic Development Corporation** – Compal Electronics Inc.

Population (20,001 to 50,000): **Greenville Board of Development** – SPR Flexible Solutions Manufacturing Facility

Population (50,001 to 100,000): **Sherman Economic Development Corporation** – Coherent Expansion

Population (100,001 to 250,000): **McAllen Economic Development Corporation** – Valeo

Population (250,000 and Above): **Greater Houston Partnership** – Eli Lilly

Honorable Mentions:

Innovativeness: **Hillsboro Economic Development Corporation**

Measured Objectives: **Development Corporation of Abilene**

Community Commitment & Leverage: **Longview Economic Development Corporation**

“Our TEDC’s Community Economic Development Award is one of the ways in which our organization honors the outstanding work done by our communities, their leaders, and their economic development professionals to create jobs, attract investment, and strengthen the economy of Texas,” noted Carlton Schwab, President/CEO of the TEDC.

The TEDC was organized in 1961 and provides information, education and legislative services to its members to foster the expansion of existing businesses, the location of new firms and the development of strategies that promote a positive business climate in Texas. With approximately 1,200 members, the TEDC is the largest state economic development association in the nation.