

### Upcoming Events

#### **FHWA Value Capture Strategies: Advertising, Naming Rights, & Sponsorships**

August 20, 2020 1:00pm-3:00pm

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **3 Things Our Marketing Must Accomplish By Spectrum Reach**

August 21, 2020 9:00am

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **The 53rd Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference-Virtual**

August 25-26, 2020

Registration Fee: \$99

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **TEDC 2020 Annual Conference-Virtual**

October 5-9, 2020

Registration Fee: Members \$375/Nonmembers \$450

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **TEDC Fall Basic Economic Development Course**

Oct. 27-30, 2020

Embassy Suites

600 Commerce St

Fort Worth, TX 76102

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **TML: Public Funds Investment Act Online Training**

Open Enrollment

Date TBA

Registration Fee: Members \$225/ Nonmembers \$250

[Click Here!](#) To register.

The **Texas Workforce Commission** has approved an additional \$5 million from the Skills Development Fund to be used to support training in high demand occupations with priority given to training in the healthcare, manufacturing, and IT sectors in direct response to needs identified by COVID-19. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

### Grant Opportunities

#### **EDA**

FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding provides economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will support the mission of the Department by, among other things, leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

#### **USDA**

Business and Industry (B&I) CARES Act Program

Deadline: September 15, 2021, or until funds are expended.

USDA is making available up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees to help rural businesses meet their working capital needs during the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, agricultural producers that are not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans may receive funding under USDA B&I CARES Act Program provisions included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

### Available Resources

The **Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF)**, program Administration funds a national network of 11 non-profit and university-affiliated Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs) to strengthen the competitiveness of American companies that have lost domestic sales and employment because of increased imports of similar goods and services. In general, the program provides cost-sharing technical assistance to eligible import-impacted American firms. Firms receive technical assistance to create and implement targeted business recovery plans. [Click Here!](#) For more information.