

### Upcoming Events

#### **Hometown Proud Grant Program**

Applications due April 27, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

#### **TEDC Webinar: The Latest in Virtual Site Visits**

Apr. 21, 2021 10:30am-12:00pm CDT

Registration Fee: \$79 individual/\$295 group

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **Six Practical Tools for Resilience in Difficult Tools**

Apr. 30, 2021 10:30am-12:00pm CDT

Registration Fee: \$65 members/ \$95 nonmembers

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **TxCDBG Rural Economic Development Program Roundtable – RED Strategy and Project**

May 12, 2021 | 10:00 am CDT

To join meeting from your computer:

[Click Here!](#)

To dial in using your phone: (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 567-270-981

#### **Leadership Central Texas 2021**

Applications due June 1, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

#### **Rural Internship Program 2021**

Applications due June 1, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

### Funding Opportunities

#### **The Economic Development Administration (EDA),**

has published the Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Research and National Technical Assistance projects.

This NOFO makes \$1.5 million available for Research and Evaluation (R&E) projects and \$1.0 million available for National Technical Assistance (NTA) projects. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

### Other Resources

**The Texas Demographic Center**, provided analysis to evaluate impact of proposed criteria for metropolitan statistical areas. In January, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requested comments in the federal register on recommendations relating to population thresholds for metropolitan and micropolitan statistical area standards. These standards provide a nationally consistent set of delineations for collecting, tabulating, and publishing federal statistics for geographic areas. Currently, the OMB designated counties with an urban population of 50,000 or more as metropolitan statistical areas and counties with an urban population of 10,000 to 49,999 as micropolitan statistical areas. The proposed recommendation would increase the minimum urban area population to qualify as a metropolitan statistical area from 50,000 to 100,000. The Texas Demographic Center evaluated the proposed 2020 metropolitan statistical area criteria and projected that six current Texas metropolitan statistical areas would become micropolitan statistical areas in 2020. Overall, this would result in 21 metropolitan and 50 micropolitan statistical areas in 2020 for the State of Texas. You can review the complete evaluation [Here!](#)

**The Census Bureau**, released the 2019 ASM Data (Annual Survey of Manufactures). These data are important to accurate estimates of domestic production and productivity and to make sound decisions on economic trade policies. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

#### **American Economic Association**

The AEAweb provides information on funding for economists and the opportunity for organizations, institutions, and agencies to post information on grants available for economic research. [Click Here!](#) For more information.