

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**
4/27/2021

Key Services

- Comprehensive Planning
- Historic Preservation
- New Elected Officials Guide
- Grant Writing & Administration
- City Homepage Templates
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Transportation Planning](#)
- [GIS Mapping Services](#)

Upcoming Events

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.

Leadership Central Texas 2021
Applications due Jun. 1, 2021
[Click Here!](#) To apply.

Rural Internship Program 2021
Applications due Jun. 1, 2021
[Click Here!](#) To apply.

2021 Texas Groundwater Summit
Hyatt Regency Hill Country
San Antonio, Tx
Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2021
Registration Fee: \$375
[Click Here!](#) To register.

Central Texas Highlights

Belton's public-private partnership with NorthPoint grows beyond successful building projects and job-creating business attraction to include a workforce development center. The center will coordinate with local educational institutions and skill development resources to provide training and help assure a prepared workforce for the expansion of the Southview Commerce Center.
[Click Here!](#) For more information.

Did You Know?

USDA, is accepting applications for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants (DTL) to help provide educational and educational and medical services in rural areas. The DLT program helps fund distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas to increase access to education, training and health care resources that are otherwise limited or unavailable. USDA plans to make \$44.5 million available in fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$10.2 million is intended for projects that provide substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and for-profit businesses. Applications must be submitted electronically [Here!](#) no later than June 4, 2021. For additional information, please visit the DLT webpage by [Click Here!](#)

EDA's, investment priorities provide an overarching framework to ensure that our investment portfolio – ranging from planning to infrastructure construction - contributes to local efforts to build, improve, or better leverage economic assets that allow businesses to succeed and regional economies to prosper and become more resilient.

The updated investment priorities support the U.S. Commerce Department's agenda, which is driven by four pillars to increase American competitiveness:

1. Revitalizing U.S. manufacturing and developing advanced industries
 2. Building a 21st century workforce
 3. Maintaining leadership in global innovation
 4. Promoting American businesses, at home and abroad.
- Notably, 'Equity' has been added to the top of the investment priority list. EDA is committed to working with populations and underserved communities that have been denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic prosperity in the past. [Click Here!](#) For more information.