

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**
5/19/2021

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

Planning for Economic Recovery Course

May 20, 2021 12:00pm-4:00pm CDT
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To apply.

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

For more than thirty years, **Keep Texas Beautiful**, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has awarded the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Awards to Texas communities for their outstanding overall efforts to keep their communities beautiful. Gatesville and San Saba both won a GCAA award which comes with funds for landscaping projects along local right of way. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

Did You Know?

EDA, seeks applications for targeted pre-developed technical assistance to distressed small, rural and undeserved communities. EDA is interested in receiving applications for one or more National Technical Assistance (NTA) cooperative agreement(s) to provide guidance on activities associated with accessing EDA programs and services. Applications are due June 1, 2021. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

Texas A&M University Central Texas Research Park

Funding sought under this Community Project Funding request will support strategic planning for the development of a University Research Park and its future expansion into a Central Texas Innovation District. Funds would also be used in the initial phase of the Research Park by hiring staff and student researchers at the university to expand the virtual research park while construction funding is located. The project will leverage and benefit the military installation, create economic resilience through industry engagements, and provide job opportunities for the region. This request is the culmination of three years of work between local government, university, and industry leaders. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Local planners, businesspeople, and policymakers use the Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II) to predict the potential economic impacts of a variety of projects and events, even natural disasters like hurricanes. The modeling system, is based on BEA's national input-output tables, a comprehensive picture of the goods and services that industries sell to each other, as well as to consumers. RIMS II adjusts the national data for the industries in a particular region. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.