

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**
7/21/2021

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

**USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural
Communities and Households**

Applications are ongoing
[Click Here!](#) To apply.

**Global Cities Team Challenge Smart Agriculture
and Rural Broadband and Regional SuperCluster
Hybrid Workshop**

July 21-23, 2021
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To register.

Texas Mainstreet Designation

Applications due July 30, 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.

2021 SWREDA Conference

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy
Sept. 1-3, 2021
Registration Fee:\$345 early bird
\$395 after July 12, 2021
[Click Here!](#) To register.

Central Texas Highlights

Moving Milam Forward

Milam County will receive over \$44 million in grants and other funding in 2021. Businesses in the County are growing, the unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in almost 2 years at 6.2% which is below the State average and there are many job openings in the County.

Milam County is now the home of the largest bitcoin mining operations in North America. There are two companies, Bitdeer and Whinstone Data Center. Both operations are planning to double in size within the next few months.

[Click Here!](#) To read more about Milam County.

Did You Know?

5 Year CEDS Update

The MRB Group and DDCT will be hosting a regional CEDS committee workshop to update the regions 5 year CEDS plan; on August 10, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm CDT. To register for this event please email Anna Barge at Anna.Barge@ctcog.org.

USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program, improves the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually-owned businesses through Cooperative Development Centers. The application deadline is August 10, 2021. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

**Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management
Technologies Deployment**

The FAST Act established the ATCMTD program for the development of model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance and infrastructure return on investment. Application deadline is August 22, 2021. [Click Here!](#) For more information.