

Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
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- Followed up with SRA on funding for the hotel feasibility study. Thus far, \$7,000 has been committed.
- Visited with Source Solutions on several occasions concerning the hotel feasibility study.
- Working on a draft of economic development incentive policy for Sabine County. Should have initial draft in January.
- Working on developing a draft of the Committee Guidelines for the Sabine County Economic Development Advisory Council (SCEDAC). Will provide to the group before next meeting in January.
- Reviewing information to determine actions needed for the development of a Foreign Trade Zone in Sabine County. Still working on getting preliminary documents developed.
- Continue to make calls to various contacts around the state to let them know of my involvement with Sabine County.
- Attended the Small Business Summit in Lufkin on November 9, 2016 and visited with state and regional allies.
- Visited with Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas about workforce issues in the region.
- Met with Lonnie Hunt, DETCOG Executive Director on November 16, 2016 in Jasper to discuss potential economic development initiatives with DETCOG.
- Met with Dawn, Glover, District Director for Senator Nichols' Office about potential economic development activities in Sabine County.
- Met with Belinda Gay and toured the Remembering Columbia Museum on Wednesday, November 16 and discussed needs and issues facing the museum.
- Attended the Think Tank (SCEDAC) meeting on November 17 in Hemphill and did some touring of Sabine County potential commercial and industrial sites.
- Since ICSC, I have been gathering data requested from some potential prospects and that is being used to follow up by email with the contacts made at ICSC. I will continue following up with all of the contacts over the next few months.
- Continue to review the Tourism Assessment of Sabine County conducted by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism and working on establishing the priorities on the most important projects/programs to deal with initially.
- Visited with Benn Bundy about assistance in identifying commercial and industrial sites in Sabine County.
- Will meet in Austin with the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the Texas Historical Commission on December 19 on behalf of Sabine County.

