

Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
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- Met in Austin with the staffs of the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Governor's Office of Economic Development on December 19 on behalf of Sabine County. Got great information on the Capital Fund at TDA that could really be useful to Sabine County projects.
- Making contacts on the agriculture potential study for Sabine County. Should have something to report at the January meeting.
- Visited with the Texas Historical Commission by phone and picked up Heritage Tourism Guide for SCEDAC members. Will bring to January meeting.
- Doing research on truck stop companies to contact concerning a location in Sabine County.
- Visited with Source Solutions on several occasions to get the final information to them for the hotel feasibility study. Tentatively, the site visit to look at hotel sites will occur on January 19.
- Continuing to work on a draft of economic development incentive policy for Sabine County. Should have initial draft in January.
- Completed 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. Attached to this report.
- Working on putting together the initial information for the development of the Sabine County Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- Reviewing information to determine actions needed for the development of a Foreign Trade Zone in Sabine County. Still working on getting preliminary documents developed.
- 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. Will be scheduling a site visit to Sabine County sometime in the first quarter of the year with several of the prospects.
- 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.

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