

**Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
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- Made contact with Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and told her of our discussions about conducting a study to determine potential agricultural product and projects that could some day lead to economic activity for Sabine County. After numerous discussions with Gene Nethery and Rebekka, a meeting was arranged in Sabine County on February 2.
- Continuing to do research on truck stop companies to contact concerning a location in Sabine County.
- Communicated with Source Solutions on several occasions to get the final information to them for the hotel feasibility study. The site visit to look at hotel site possibilities and an overview of Sabine County was on January 19. We expect the draft of the hotel feasibility study to be delivered in February.
- Continuing to work on a draft of economic development incentive policy for Sabine County. Should have initial draft in February or March.
- Attended the SCEDAC meeting on January 19 in Hemphill and presented a draft of the Committee Guidelines for the Sabine County Economic Development Advisory Council (SCEDAC). Was approved the group and will now go to Sabine County Commissioner's Court.
- Working on putting together the initial information for the development of the Sabine County Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- Conducted research on the contact from Texas Gulf Coast Network of SBDC about discussions with a company that is considering the development of a slaughterhouse/meat packing plant. Am continuing to research the water, sewer and electrical needs of the project to see if Sabine County can fulfill the requirements.
- Continuing to follow up with all of the contacts made at ICSC. 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.