

Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
September 1 – September 30, 2017
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- Attended the SCEDAC meeting on September 21 in Hemphill.
- Presented the initial draft at the SCEDAC meeting on September 21 for the Sabine County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Assignments for areas of responsibility were made at the SCEDAC meeting and the document has been revised to reflect those appointments. I will communicate with the team leader each month to revise the brief status of each activity item.
- Made a business retention/expansion visit to G.D. Edgar Lumber Company to meet with Richard Felts, Owner. They are one of the largest employers in Hemphill and produce wood products that are shipped all over the United States. They have the potential to expand in the future and create more jobs.
- Continue to stay in touch with Don Iles concerning Project Polymer. Had several conversations with Eddie Lewis about information that he needs to make his final decision. Also spent an afternoon with David Waxman and Randy Blanks to prepare for the completion of the Capital Fund application when the time comes. Have continued to follow-up so that we can get the application submitted in a timely manner.
- Sent the hotel sites document to the Choice Hotels and Best Western contacts but have not been able to make direct contact with either group. Continue to attempt to contact them by either email or phone. Made contact with Todd Walker of Source Strategies to get his help in contacting the hotels chains on our behalf. Have not received a response at this time.
- Also visited with several bankers about contacting hotel operators in the East Texas area about interest in the project.
- Making preparations for attending ICSC in November.
- Did some research on State Boards and Commission possibilities for Sabine County to pursue.

