







## **News Release**

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### **TEDC Honors Cities with Community Economic Development Awards**

The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) announced the recipients of its annual Community Economic Development Awards (CEDA) for 2013.

The awards will be presented at a special awards luncheon held Thursday, October 17th at the TEDC's Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio.

The Community Economic Development Awards program recognizes exceptional contributions of TEDC member cities toward the economic vitality of their communities and the state of Texas through creativity, leadership, and partnership in the achievement of business retention, business recruitment and community improvement.

The CEDA committee received applications from 39 member communities. Nominees were then judged on five criteria: innovativeness, transferability, community commitment and leverage, measured objectives, and secondary benefits.

The CEDA recipients in the five population categories are:

Category I (<5,000 population)	Comanche
Category II (5,001 - 15,000)	Tomball
Category III (15,001 - 40,000)	Corsicana/Navarro County
Category IV (40,001 - 100,000)	Waller County
Category V (100,001+)	Pasadena

"Our CEDA luncheon is one of the ways in which our organization honors the excellent work done by our communities, their leaders, and their economic development professionals," noted Lorie Vincent of Stratford, 2013 TEDC Chair. "Each community nominated achieved excellence in economic development and substantially improved the economic base of their respective regions. The recipient communities in each population category were recognized for extraordinary accomplishments in meeting the criteria set forth in the nomination process."

The TEDC was organized in 1961 and provides information, education and legislative services to its members to foster the expansion of existing businesses, the location of new firms and the development of strategies that promote a positive business climate in Texas. With more than 800 members, the TEDC is now the largest state economic development association in the nation.