

Membership Benefits and Services

A growing number of private sector members are working with the recently formed Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, a non-profit organization that represents the economic development interests of Houston Ship Channel communities.

Formerly known as S.E.E.D., The Economic Alliance is a revitalized, focused organization under the capable leadership of a dynamic board of directors and energetic committee members.

- Mayors, city councils, and county and port commissioners representing 14 Houston Ship Channel communities have identified economic development as a top priority. For the first time, area municipalities, including ten chambers of commerce, are funding the Economic Alliance.
- The Economic Alliance's "one-stop" concept means members now can work with other local and regional organizations as part of a coordinated, collaborative network, rather than having to deal with many individual economic development organizations.
- Private companies should consider joining The Economic Alliance as a way to effectively demonstrate responsiveness and further commitment to the region's priority needs. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call President/CEO Jan Lawler at 281-867-1112.

The Economic Alliance scope of economic development services include:

- Facilitating business specific tax incentive programs (such as tax abatements)
- Supporting the creation and expansion of local Foreign Trade Zones
- Facilitating property specific tax incentive programs (historic site tax exemptions)
- Conducting seminars, lectures, meetings, and public hearings
- Conducting seminars for local economic and community development professionals
- Providing workforce analysis
- Compiling economic and business related data
- Stimulating, encouraging, marketing, and developing business location and commercial activity in the community
- Interacting and supporting local and state officials' local economic development organizations, and chambers of commerce
- Promoting/advertising the region's communities and conducting solicitation programs to attract business, visitors, and conventions
- Disseminating economic and business related data
- Interacting with the Texas Department of Economic Development on behalf of region

Value to members:

- High visibility with local elected officials as an investor in The Economic Alliance and its economic development mission
- Forum for impacting issues relating to the communities' political or economic climate
- **"One-stop"** Members can quickly access mayors, city managers, council members, chambers of commerce presidents, and business leaders of cities and unincorporated communities in southeast Harris County
- Members are eligible to serve on Board of Directors or Advisory Boards; visible leadership forums
- Access to best practice sharing and business education workshops
- Soon to come...access to "Members Only" website with:
 - Additional key information, business updates, and data bases
 - First-hand knowledge of new business expansions or relocations
- Marketing in Economic Alliance materials and website as proactive business leader