

MEMBERSHIP

GALVESTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



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BUSINESS
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Who we are

Mission

The Galveston Economic Development Partnership (GEDP) was created in 1999 by the Business and Community leaders of Galveston to support the expansion and diversification of Galveston's Employment and Tax Bases.

Benefits

The GEDP is committed to facilitating growth and opportunity in Galveston. Working with our members and community partners, our efforts are focused on building strong connections among stakeholders and providing critical resources and information.

Areas of Focus:

- Maritime Industry
- Emerging Technology
- Tourism Industry
- Project Development & Site Selection
- Transportation: air, water, rail and highway
- Real Estate and Housing
- Business Retention
- Education and Healthcare
- Business Continuity and Resilience

Data, Resources and Services:

- Local economic climate information
- Demographic & socio-economic data
- Business reports & workforce data
- Site selection & community analysis tools
- Project development & due diligence
- Resiliency and disaster preparedness resources

Engage

GEDP members maximize their benefits through participation in:

- Task Forces and Committees
- Economic Development Events
- Informational Webinars and Workshops
- Member Blenders
- Construction Consortium
- Utilizing our Data Resources

To learn more and to become engaged in the work of the GEDP – reach out to our staff and visit our website: www.gedp.org



Welcome



KEITH GRAY

From our Executive Director

Welcome to the Galveston Economic Development Partnership!

Founded in 1999, the GEDP is a private non-profit, membership-based organization. Directed by our mission and leadership, we focus on facilitating ideas, projects, and initiatives in a supportive role with members, stakeholders and public/private entities interested in investing and growing Galveston. Since our founding, GEDP initiatives have resulted in tangible tax base growth and new job creation for Galveston.

The GEDP Task Forces and sub-committees include:

- Industry & Transportation
- Emerging Technology
- Business Continuity & Resilience
- Member Engagement
- Maritime
- Tourism
- Education & Healthcare
- Real Estate and Housing

We're honored and excited to continue our collaboration with the University of Texas Medical Branch, (UTMB) and community partners to help develop a robust and innovative incubator space at the Customs House. Following the incubator open house, late in 2023, renewed efforts are underway to build programs and resources, to support startups, leverage resources, enhance local and regional economies, create new jobs, and ultimately drive the emerging technology ecosystem for Galveston and the region.

Specific efforts are planned for the upcoming year to generate additional networking and alliance building amongst our members and the overall Galveston business community. We project these efforts, coupled with our information clearinghouse tools and resources will position our community for future growth and diversification.

As you read through the following information on our Leadership, Plan of Work, Meeting Calendar, and Member Engagement activities, reach out to me or my staff with any questions or suggestions you may have.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead!

GEDP 2024 OFFICERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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The GEDP offices are located in the US Customs House at 1700 Strand, Galveston, Texas.

Leadership 2024

The GEDP is a membership-based organization which hold elections to the Executive Committee each year. Officers are elected to serve two-year terms. Through the leadership and vision of our Executive Committee, the work of the GEDP focuses on supporting business and community in Galveston and our region.

Officers

CHAIR:	Myles Shelton	Galveston College
VICE CHAIR:	Bill Coltzer	Zero/Six Consulting, LLC
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Executive Committee

Bert Bagley	The Permanent Endowment Fund
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Darrell Carney	Chrysalis Bio Therapeutics
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Keith Palmer	Titan Technologies
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Marie Robb	Coastal Solutions, Inc
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Todd Scott	Great Scott Enterprises
Johnny Smecca**	Galveston Restaurant Group
Todd Sullivan	Sullivan Brothers Family of Companies
Tim Walsh	American National Insurance Company
Leonard Woolsey	The Daily News

Ex-Officio Members

Keith Bassett	Chair, Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce
Craig Brown	Mayor, City of Galveston
Kimberly Danesi	CEO, Park Board of Trustees
Michael Fossum	COO, Texas A&M University at Galveston
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Matthew Neighbors	Superintendent, GISD
Jochen Reiser*	President, UTMB
Rodger Rees	Port Director
Gina Spagnola	President, Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce
V. J. Tramonte**	Joe Tramonte Realty

* Alternates:
Aaron LeMay - UTMB

** Past Chair

2024 Plan of work

GEDP members are encouraged to participate in the work of Task Forces and Subcommittees within a range of business development themes. The work of these groups is essential to the work of the GEDP. During this year more focus will be targeted to greater networking and business development activities. To learn more about the work of these groups, please reach out to your GEDP staff or better yet, attend the meeting(s) of your choice. Your participation and insight are greatly encouraged.

Industry and Transportation Task Force

Chair: Myles Shelton - Galveston College

The Industry and Transportation Task Force will focus on issues that impact our Primary Industry Clusters and transportation opportunities/challenges that may be present. This work will be supported through the workings of four key subcommittees, highlighted below.

- **Industry and Transportation Development Issues**

Primary Industry Clusters: Maritime, Sports Tourism, Education, Healthcare
Transportation Sectors: Rail, Air, Highway, Water

- **Subcommittees:**

Maritime	Keith Gray/ John Kelso
Tourism (Sports)	Johnny Smecca
Education Healthcare	Aaron LeMay
Real Estate Housing	VJ Tramonte Steve Schultz

Membership Engagement Task Force

Chair: Bill Coltzer- Zero/Six Consulting | **Vice Chair-** Mark Conrad - Express Employment Professionals

The Member Engagement Task Force will focus on creating greater opportunities for member-to-member (M2M), business-to-business (B2B) and contractor-to-contractor (C2C) networking and business development events. One of the key elements to this Task Force will be a targeted focus on Business Retention and Expansion.

- **Business Retention** - Outreach and data gathering
- **B2B | M2M Networking Events** - Webinars, Membership Blenders, Members Forum
- **Enhance Resources** - Print, digital, website, social media, membership directory, news, project updates
- **Membership Retention**

Emerging Technology Task Force

Chair: Darrell Carney - Chrysalis Bio Therapeutics | Vice Chair: Marie Robb - Coastal Solutions, Inc.

The Emerging Technology Task Force focuses on supporting opportunities related to an emerging technology ecosystem for Galveston and the region.

- **Customs House Incubator**

In collaboration with UTMB Galveston, the Customs House Incubator space renovations are completed. Wet-labs, offices and collaborative spaces are available to support entrepreneurs in the initial stages of commercialization.

- **Marketing and Business Development Programs**

Business Plan Development, Agreements/MOU's with allies, meetings and networking events.

Business Continuity Task Force

Chair: Gale Burkett - GB Tech | Vice Chair: Garry Kaufman - Galveston Insurance Associates

The Business Continuity/Resilience Task Force focuses on Galveston's business community in preparing for and responding to natural disasters and catastrophic events. In addition to available tools, resources and programs, this Task Force will also provide leadership on the continued efforts of making Galveston more resilient for the future.

- **Business Preparedness and Recovery Workshops**

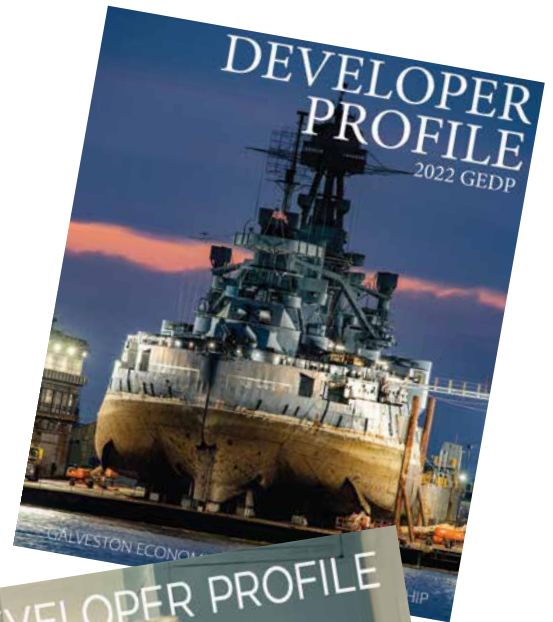
The Business Resiliency Course

- **GEDP Website**

Provide access to tools and information

- **Monitor related projects and programs:**

Coastal Spine, Coastal Texas Study, TAMU NSF project, Center for a Disaster Resilient Texas (TAMUG)



Get Involved 2024

Participation is key to realizing the full value of your membership in the GEDP. We invite you to join us in our work benefiting business and community in Galveston.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM | Mario's Seawall Italian Restaurant
628 Seawall Blvd, Galveston

A members-only meeting to review past year, outline new the year ahead, provide the latest economic update, and casual networking.

Annual Summit

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Texas A&M University at Galveston

The 11th Annual Summit will showcase sectors of business and growth within our area. Full day with breakouts, networking, keynote speakers and exhibitors



Quarterly Members Forum

1st Wednesday in APR 3 | JUN 5 | SEPT 4 | DEC -TBA

9:00 - 10:00 AM
GEDP Conference Room

An opportunity for all member to meet and discuss current projects, any issues, and upcoming initiatives.

Workshops

Business Resiliency Workshop and more

*A course on Resiliency and Disaster Preparedness - TBA
Other workshops to be announced.*

Webinars

Business information and important topics

These educational webinars will be recorded and uploaded to our website.

** some meetings may have a virtual option*

Task Forces

Monthly meetings -GEDP conference room.
Date and times set by Task Force Chair.

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MEMBER
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Member Blenders

4 - 6 PM Monthly | Sponsor locations and dates TBD
Sponsorships by members are available

A networking event hosted by a member of the GEDP at their place of business or other venue. Others interested in the GEDP are encouraged to attend with a member.

Date:	Hosted by:
March 6	The Daily News
April	Bassett Family Retail Group
May	The Wharves Board
June	6 Degrees Wealth
July	No event
August	Terracon
September	Tom Schwenk/Coldwell Banker-TGRE
October	No event
November 13	Vision Galveston/Kirby Advertising
December	No event



Construction Consortium

5-7 PM Monthly | Sponsor locations and dates TBD
Sponsorships by members are available

Open to all Galveston County Architects, Engineers, General Contractors, Home Builders, Sub-Contractors, Suppliers and anyone who participates in the Construction Industry, including insurance, banking, marketing, bookkeeping, etc.

Started in 2023, the "Galveston Construction Consortium" meetings have been held at locations throughout Galveston with discussions of topics and ideas important to the regions construction industry. We encourage you to join us.

Date:	Hosted by:
March 27	Joe Tramonte Real Estate
April	TBD
May	TBD
June	TBD
July	No event
August	Terracon
September	TBD
October	TBD
November	TBD
December	No event

Reach out to GEDP Staff with any questions.
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Next Step

Membership to the GEDP is open to anyone operating a business on Galveston Island, doing business in Galveston, or anyone interested in becoming more aware of issues, activities and initiatives focused on expanding Galveston's employment and tax bases. Central to the mission of the GEDP – we are eager to include you in the work of what makes Galveston a better place. Secure your membership by submitting the following form, applying online at gedp.org or reaching out to GEDP Staff at 409.770.0216.

Company Name: _____

Company Contact: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Type of Business: _____ Year Formed: _____

Number of Employees: _____ Company Website: _____

Each membership level includes access to the GEDP Information Clearinghouse, Members Forum, Membership and Task Force meetings .
Levels above "Sustaining" offer opportunities for additional participation and sponsorship.

✓	MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	AMOUNT	DETAILS
<input type="checkbox"/>	PIONEER	\$20,000	Membership, Economic Summit (2 tables), Annual <i>Developer Profile</i> (3 ad pages), Webinar Series (Underwriter Sponsor)
<input type="checkbox"/>	INNOVATOR	\$10,000	Membership, Economic Summit (1 table), Annual <i>Developer Profile</i> (2 ad pages), Webinars sponsor at (Signature level)
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACCELERATOR	\$5,000	Membership, Economic Summit (1 table), Annual <i>Developer Profile</i> (2 ad pages), Webinar sponsor (Corporate level)
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENTREPRENEUR	\$3,000	Membership, Economic Summit (1 table), Annual <i>Developer Profile</i> (1/2 page ad), Webinar Sponsor (Community level)
<input type="checkbox"/>	SUSTAINING	\$1,000	Membership, Membership and Task Force Meetings, Members Forum, Information Clearinghouse

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