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City of Brenham Economic Development Director Susan Cates Elected to Texas Economic Development Council Board of Directors

The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) at its Board Meeting on October 9th, 2020, put forth six individuals for election to the TEDC's board of directors and officially elected the following new board members: Susan Cates, City of Brenham; Gayle Cooper, Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation; James Gentry, Crockett Economic Development Corporation; Chester Jenke, New Braunfels EDC; Tommy Kurtz, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation and Matt Prochaska, Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation.

Susan Cates has been with the City since 2019 as Economic Development Director and instrumental in building relationships with local businesses, working with county economic development partners, and solidifying a solid foundation for future business development for the community. Cates says, "I'm pleased to be a part of this community and share in the excitement of current businesses as they've grown and developing new relationships with businesses that are interested in building their business here in Brenham." She continues, "I am honored to be elected to the TEDC Board and look forward to serving my community and the State of Texas in economic development."

The TEDC is governed by a 24-member board and an 8-member Executive Committee. The organization 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 850 members, the TEDC is the largest state economic development association in the nation. For more information about TEDC, visit texasedc.org.

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