



Partnership hosts panel of experts for first Economic Development Council of 2015

The Partnership held the first 2015 Economic Development Council on April 21 in the Partnership board room. Council Host Dawn Landry, Vice President of Business Acquisition for the Houston office of Balfour Beatty Construction, moderated a diverse panel of economic development experts including:

- Mike Shields, Executive Director of Baytown-West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation
- Jennifer May, Director of Economic Development for City of Sugar Land
- Fred Welch, Executive Director of Greater Conroe Economic Development Council



Greater Conroe Economic Development Council markets Conroe as a location for the expansion or relocation of companies on a systematic, targeted basis. Conroe is “situated along the newest energy corridor in the Energy Capital of the World,” said Executive Director Fred Welch. The Conroe area boasts thriving advanced manufacturing, energy equipment, medical devices and equipment industries.

According to Baytown-West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation Executive Director Mike Shields, “The mission and purpose of the foundation is to foster economic growth in the Baytown area.” Several high profile companies have announced projects in the Baytown region including Borusan Mannesman, Chevron Phillips and ExxonMobil.

Economic Development Director Jennifer May provided an update on projects and trends in the City of Sugarland. Home to Sugar Land Regional Airport and University of Houston: Sugar Land, currently in transition to become an official UH branch, this area continues to invest in quality of life attributes that impact economic development.