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## BAHEP works with members to prepare legislative agenda

**BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS** – For the past several months, the staff of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership has worked closely with BAHEP members in formulating a legislative agenda as preparation for the 2011 Texas legislative session that will convene in January.

“It is widely recognized that the main focus of this legislature will be the budget deficit and redistricting,” stated Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president. He continued, “However, there are certain issues that need to be addressed, which can’t wait another two years until the next session meets.”

Documents are being finalized that concern healthcare, education, the maritime industry, the state franchise tax, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, aerospace and telecommunications.

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and BAHEP are joint sponsors of the position paper on education and will speak to legislators with a single voice on behalf of Bay Area Houston’s five independent school districts, its colleges and universities.

The BAHEP and CLACC teams are planning their trip to Austin for mid February.

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**The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership** is a member-driven organization that provides the leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment in southeast Texas. Its members include more than 260 investor companies, business professionals, local governments, and educational institutions encompassing 13 cities, Galveston and Harris counties, and the Port of Houston Authority. Visit [www.bayareahouston.com](http://www.bayareahouston.com).

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