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TEDC announces rep for Gulf Coast region

BAY AREA HOUSTON, Texas – The Texas Economic Development Council announced the appointment of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership’s Marketing Director, Paul Chavez as the Gulf Coast region representative.

“Chavez’s unwavering devotion to this region coupled with his strong commitment to understanding the challenges and opportunities with the target industries of our region will serve as an asset to TEDC and our community,” said Jim Reinhartsen, BAHEP president.

BAHEP, a distinguished regional economic development organization, strives to attract, retain and expand industries in the Bay Area Houston region, which represents 12 cities and two counties.

This is the first term Chavez has served for TEDC, since he began working in the economic development field more than seven years ago; members are nominated to the board for one-to two-year terms.

“Paul is an up-and-coming member, and we are excited about his move into a leadership position,” said Carlton Schwab, president and CEO for TEDC.

TEDC is an Austin-based, statewide, nonprofit professional association dedicated to the development of economic and employment opportunities in Texas.

In addition, TEDC is the largest state association of economic development professionals, volunteers and elected officials.

Chavez earned a master's degree in business administration and human resource management from the University of Phoenix and a bachelor's in marketing from York College of Pennsylvania.

Chavez specializes in market research and analysis, constructing proposals for business development, and offers political advocacy leadership for the specialty chemical sector on a regional and national level.

Before coming to BAHEP, he has worked in the public sector of economic development organizations for more than nine years and has served as the City Manager for Los Fresnos, Texas.

He was selected by the Texas Chemical Council in 2006 to serve on the "Caring for Texas" review committee. In 2005, he was selected by the governor's office to serve on the State of Texas – Chemical Industry Task Force." Chavez in 2004 led the Bay Area Houston region in participating in "Texas Chemical Day."

"It is an honor to be selected as one of the representatives for the Gulf Coast region," said Chavez. "I'm looking forward to contributing to the knowledge base of the economic development profession and helping to further the mission of the TEDC."

For additional information please contact Paul Chavez at 281-486-5535 or paul@bayareahouston.com.

Bay Area Houston is an economically and internationally diversified, high-tech region that is home to NASA Johnson Space Center and numerous industries including aerospace and specialty chemical.

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership is a nonprofit organization that promotes the growth of the Bay Area Houston region through the retention, expansion and recruitment of target industries. Visit www.bayareahouston.com.

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