



Chambers of Commerce Foundation

Strengthening Texas Through Informed Policy and Research

Mission Statement

The Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce Foundation (TABCCF) is a registered **501(c)(3) organization** dedicated to advancing sound research on policy issues that impact the business community. The sister organization to the Texas Association of Business (TAB), TABCCF's primary focus is supporting in-depth studies on critical policy issues impacting Texans, our economy, and the Texas business climate.

Thought Leadership in Public Policy

TABCCF serves as the research backbone for the TAB advocacy team, driving informed policy decisions at the Texas and U.S. Capitol.

Supported by major grants and donations from some of the nation's most prestigious foundations and corporations, our dynamic research and convening power goes beyond conventional reports by translating data and anecdotes into actionable policy initiatives.

Focus Areas

Concentration on critical policy categories that form the bedrock of Texas' competitiveness.

Workforce and Education: Crafting strategies for a skilled workforce to drive economic growth.

International Trade: Facilitating global partnerships to enhance Texas' economic standing.

Healthcare: Addressing healthcare challenges to ensure the well-being of our communities.

Energy: Supporting policies that encourage a diverse generation fleet - both nonrenewable and renewable - required for sustainable organic economic growth, corporate relocation, and a reliable, cost-efficient grid so that Texas will remain the energy capital of the world.

Environment: Promoting policies that balance economic growth with environmental stewardship.

Technology and Innovation: Fostering a culture of innovation to propel Texas to the forefront of technological advancements.

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Projects

Example projects include, but are not limited to:

- **Community Colleges & Workforce:** The TABCCF is dedicated to cultivating a sustainable and inclusive workforce by aligning Texas' education and training systems with employer needs. Currently, it's uniting C-suite business stakeholders, chamber of commerce presidents, and community college presidents in regional consortiums to ensure the effective utilization of workforce data and House Bill 8 (from the 88th Texas Legislature) for meeting regional workforce demands.
- **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA):** In 2021, the U.S. Department of Commerce's EDA funded TABCCF to assess Texas' economic competitiveness and vulnerability, leading to a reshoring strategy. Collaborating with TIP Strategies and a 24-member Steering Committee, TABCCF engaged stakeholders through diverse means, resulting in a baseline economic assessment and recommendations to strengthen Texas in the workforce, infrastructure, regulatory and incentive policy, and local economic development.
- **The Texas Second Chance Employers Coalition:** This initiative is building a network of employers supporting second chance practices, addressing Texas' workforce needs, enhancing the economy, and broadening the talent pool. The TABCC Foundation spearheads statewide education on the economic benefits of second-chance hiring, offering tools for successful implementation and streamlining resources at various levels.
- **Immigration & Workforce:** The TABCCF is committed to convening business leaders from across the state and myriad industries to share economic impact research about why immigration and attracting global talent is vital for Texas' continued economic growth.

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