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## **CCREDC/ SPCEDC Begin Merger Discussions**

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Both the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation and the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation voted to begin discussions of a potential merger at board meetings this morning.

The discussions are expected to continue for several months, and if agreed upon by all parties will conclude with a vote by memberships at some time in 2020.

“A merger presents us with an opportunity to take a regional approach to the prosperity of our region. Areas like the Rio Grande Valley and the San Antonio/ Austin/ Waco corridor have been very successful at working together with a shared mission to promote their growth. The Coastal Bend has so much to offer to companies locating here, and marketing the region as a whole as a great place to live and work will help us capitalize on our potential,” says Philip Ramirez, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC).

“Our communities in San Patricio County will benefit from the opportunity to be a more integral part of the regional growth discussion. Much of the new manufacturing investment is happening in our county, and with that growth comes opportunities for housing, retail, and commercial development. Working as a region to solve infrastructure and growth challenges is something we are looking forward to,” says Marshall Davidson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation (SPCEDC).

“The incredible amount of growth being experienced in our county gives us a chance to really make a difference in our communities. Pooling our resources to bring the full strength of both of our organizations to bear on overcoming obstacles and strengthening relationships with regional leaders will give us an advantage as we market our area to industries considering locating or expanding here,” says Foster Edwards, Executive Director of the SPCEDC.



“We are stronger together,” says Iain Vasey, President and CEO of the CCREDC. “We have worked with the San Patricio EDC for several years, partnering on recruiting missions, project management, and regional growth opportunities. We are now only in the initial stages of this discussion, with many details left to address, but I look forward to combining our forces to maximize our efforts to promote the growth and prosperity of the Coastal Bend. We are experiencing unprecedented investment in our area, and a move to consolidate resources and work together to capitalize on that growth to benefit the region as a whole will present new opportunities for smart, sustainable, regional economic development.”

### **About the CCREDC**

The Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) is a non-profit organization responsible for creating, managing and supervising programs and activities that promote, assist, and enhance economic development within the city of Corpus Christi. The CCREDC’s partners include the City of Corpus Christi, Port of Corpus Christi Authority, San Patricio and Nueces Counties, the City of Portland, and over 140 private-sector members. The CCREDC is governed by a 25-member Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the city, port, other government agencies and private investors. For more information, visit [ccredc.com](http://ccredc.com).

### **About the SPCEDC**

San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation (SPCEDC) is a non-profit organization operating within San Patricio County, Texas. The organization is made up of members from local governments, Chambers of Commerce, local businesses and industry that have come together to plan and implement economic development strategies as well as promote tourism and encourage commercial and residential growth. For more information, visit [sanpatricioedc.com](http://sanpatricioedc.com).

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