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LUNCH B.I.T.E.S. WORKSHOP

Introducing Lunch B.I.T.E.S., a quarterly workshop giving local business owners practical tools and expert insights to grow their businesses. Each one-hour session over lunch features a field expert sharing actionable strategies you can implement right away. B.I.T.E.S. stands for Business, Insights, Tools, Education, and Strategies. The workshop is free, lunch is provided, and space is limited, register now to secure your spot!



We are excited to welcome Stephanie Scheller as our first expert for Lunch B.I.T.E.S.! Stephanie will be sharing her insights on Marketing for Small Business Budgets, giving practical tips and strategies that you can immediately apply to grow your business without breaking the bank. Join us for this one-hour workshop on October 8th from 12 PM-1 PM at the Hondo EDC Training Center. Don't miss this chance to learn from a marketing expert, enjoy lunch, and connect with other local business owners!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

BUILDING HONDO'S FUTURE

On August 21, our community gathered to celebrate the grand opening of Boise Cascade's premier new facility in Hondo. This project, made possible through a partnership with Metropolitan Contracting, marks a major step forward for growth, opportunity, and future investment in our region. The event brought together city and county officials, community leaders, and business partners, all united in excitement for what this facility means for Hondo's future. We are proud to welcome Boise Cascade and look forward to the jobs, opportunities, and prosperity this partnership will bring to our community.



WHO IS BOISE CASCADE?

Boise Cascade is a leader in the building products industry across North America and is proudly ranked as a Fortune 1000 company, with \$6.7 billion in annual sales in 2024. Publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BCC, the company operates with nearly 7,500 associates at more than 60 locations. Built on strong relationships and guided by shared values, Boise Cascade is known as a consistent, reliable, and stable partner for both customers and suppliers.



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[BOISE CASCADE WEBSITE](#)

SMALL BUSINESS VIDEO SERIES

Our Small Business Video Series takes you around Hondo to meet the local entrepreneurs who make our community unique. We highlight their businesses, share their stories, and show you what makes them special. *When you shop local, you're not just making a purchase—you're supporting dreams, families, and the heart of Hondo.*

Don't miss a single feature—subscribe to our **Hondo EDC YouTube channel** and join us in celebrating local businesses!



LA HACIENDA BOUTIQUE

In our first episode of the Small Business Video Series, we meet Velvet Diles, the owner of La Hacienda Boutique. Velvet is passionate about curating unique fashion pieces that make every customer feel welcomed, loved, and confident in their new clothes. Located in downtown Hondo, La Hacienda Boutique is the perfect place to find something special while supporting a local business.



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FEATURED PROPERTY

Located just half a block off US Hwy 90 at the corner of Avenue R and 20th Street, this versatile commercial property sits on approximately half an acre and is zoned for mixed-use. The Quonset Hut-style building offers over 6,000 sq. ft. of enclosed workspace, complete with a small office, restroom plumbing, and multiple roll-up doors for easy vehicle access. The layout is ideal for a mechanic shop or a variety of other business operations. Ample space is available for parking vehicles, trailers, and equipment, with added security provided by a chain-link fence and a double gate for convenient entry.

**FOR MORE INFO ON THIS PROPERTY CONTACT
LONG PROPERTIES
(830) 426 - 4464**



YOUR IMPACT ON HONDO

From kitchen tables to corner offices, every business has a unique story—and we want to hear yours! The Hondo EDC is exploring ways to better support home-based businesses, and your input is key. Whether you need funding, space to expand, guidance with loans, or simply prefer the flexibility of staying home-based, your feedback will help shape programs and resources that truly meet your needs.



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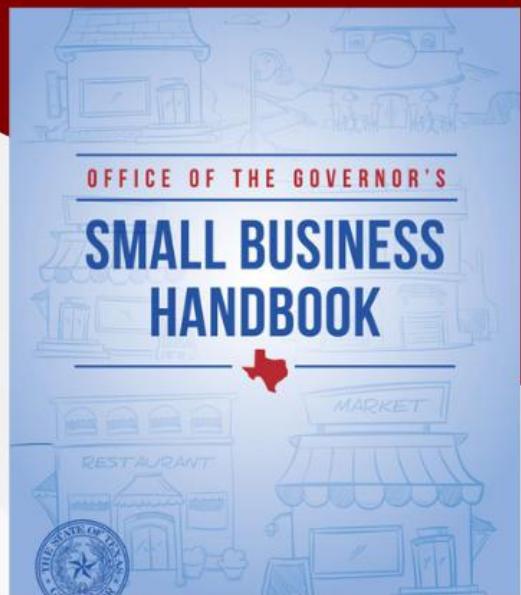


TAKE THE SURVEY

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

THE GOVERNOR'S SMALL BUSINESS HANDBOOK

The Governor's Small Business Handbook is an invaluable guide for entrepreneurs and business owners across Texas. It covers the essentials of launching and running a business, including planning, funding, licensing, taxes, and legal requirements, all in a clear and practical format. Beyond startup basics, it also connects readers with statewide resources such as development centers, mentorship programs, and funding opportunities. Whether you're just getting started or looking to grow, this handbook serves as a reliable roadmap for navigating the business landscape in Texas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13:
Hondo Collective Market
Hondo Loading Dock
10am-2pm

September 17:
Clock out with the Chamber
1614 Ave M Hondo, Tx 78861
4:00pm-7:00pm

October 08:
Lunch & TES. Workshop
STRTC #127 Hondo, Tx 78661
12pm-1pm



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LOCAL EVENT CALENDAR