

I attended the Area Development Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Forum in Las Vegas, NV; it featured panels of site selectors and industry experts that specialize in advanced technology and modern manufacturing. It was geared toward economic development organizations wanting to see the future that exists today and how it will impact their communities tomorrow. It was an insightful conference and I heard from some manufacturing executives that stressed the importance of workforce training. Progress continued on the MEDC-owned property in the University Business Park, and there will be a discussion of this property in Executive Session. John Valencia and I served on a panel that interviewed the 4 finalists for the MEDC President position on May 4th. All four candidates were well qualified and I look forward to welcoming one of them to the MEDC.

Recent Activities:

- Attended Area Development Advanced Technology Forum – 4/24-4/26
- Met with Project Yardstick to discuss compliance and business evolution on 4/27
- Met with Introductory meeting with potential project on 5/3
- Attended Bisnow Future of Downtown event in Dallas on 5/5
- Attended joint meeting of MEDC and City Council on 5/9
- Attended the meet and greet for City Manager finalists on 5/10
- Met with local broker to discuss several projects and industrial space on 5/11
- Attended MYP advisory meeting on 5/11
- Met with brokerage firm representing mixed-use corporate campus site on 5/12

Projects:

Active project updates will be discussed in Executive Session.

Upcoming Activities:

- Dallas Regional Chamber Spring Local Brokers' Event – 5/14
- Bisnow DFW Mixed Use Forum – 5/19
- Area Development Consultant's Forum – 6/5-6/7
- TEDC Mid-year conference – 6/8-6/10