



Austin Regional Office (AURO) State of the Region

Santa Fe, NM
December 2019



**“The Person Who Says It
Cannot Be Done Should Not
Interrupt The Person Who Is
Doing It.”**

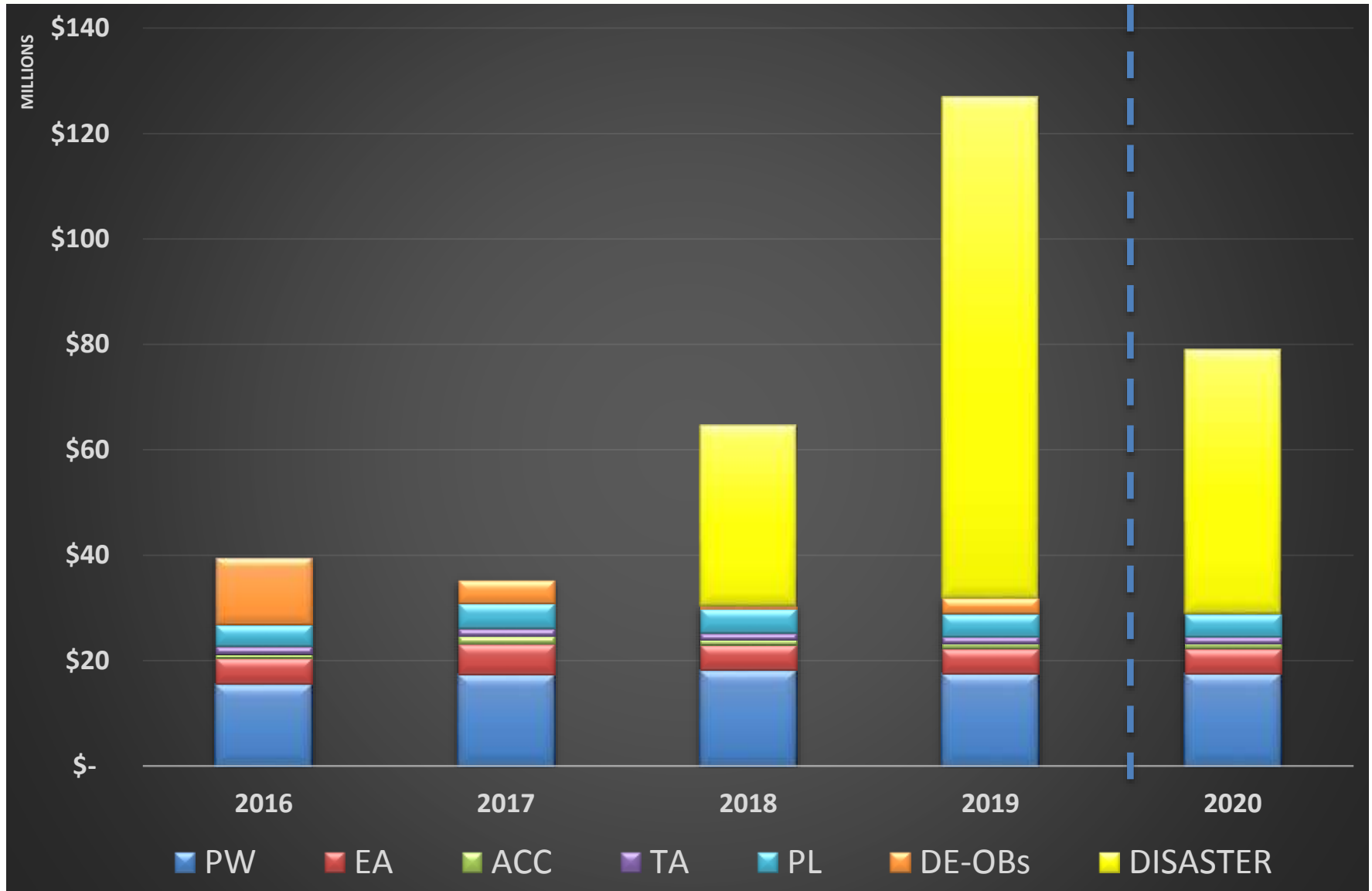
– *Chinese Proverb*

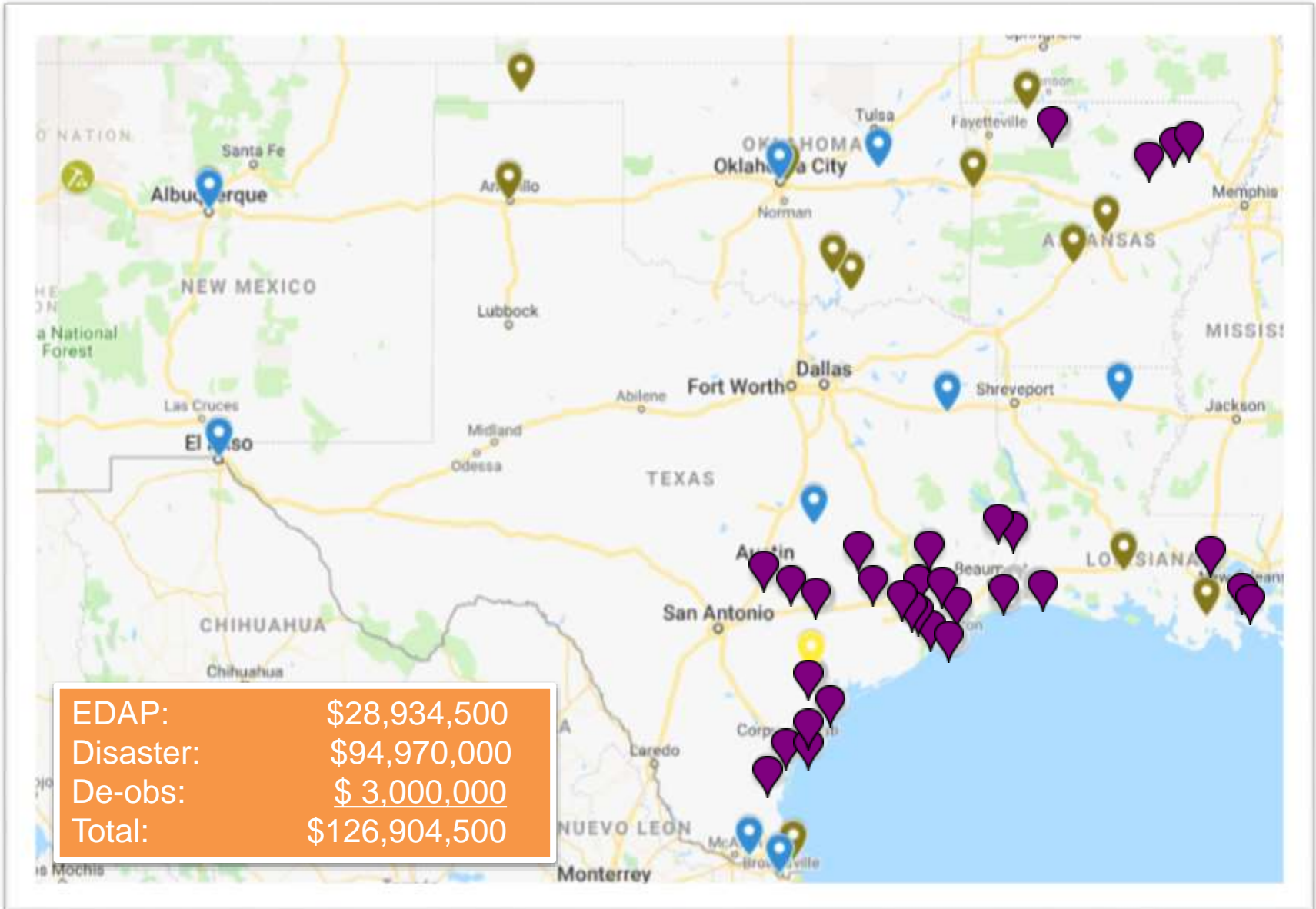


- Disaster Supplemental 2018 Signed Feb '18
\$600M approved for EDA for all disasters in '17.
 - AURO received \$129M allocation on April 2018
 - \$34M Obligated by September 2018
 - \$95M Obligated by September 2019
- Disaster Supplemental 2019 Signed Jun '19
\$600M approved for disasters in '18/'19.
 - AURO received \$50M allocation on October 2019
 - Goal is for \$50M to be Obligated by Sept 2020

AURO REGIONAL FUNDING

\$126.9 Million Processed and obligated in 2019







• Houma Terrebonne Airport	LA	Unmanned Airport Systems	\$1,350,000
• City of Durant	OK	Wastewater Infrastructure	\$1,500,000
• Amarillo College	TX	Amarillo Maker Space	\$1,500,000
• Berryville, City of	AR	Street, Drainage Improve	\$1,500,000
• Town of Laguna Vista	TX	Laguna Vista Tourism	\$700,000
• Lafayette Airport Comm	LA	LAC Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
• Rose State College	OK	Cybersecurity Accelerator	\$880,000
• Pulaski County	AR	Zeuber Road Extension	\$2,000,000
• Fort Smith Schools	AR	Career Tech Center	\$1,400,000
• Tishomingo, City of	OK	Water Treatment Plant	\$2,000,000
• Hot Spring County	AR	Industrial Park Inf	\$1,155,000
• Oklahoma Panhandle State	OK	Workforce development	\$1,558,000



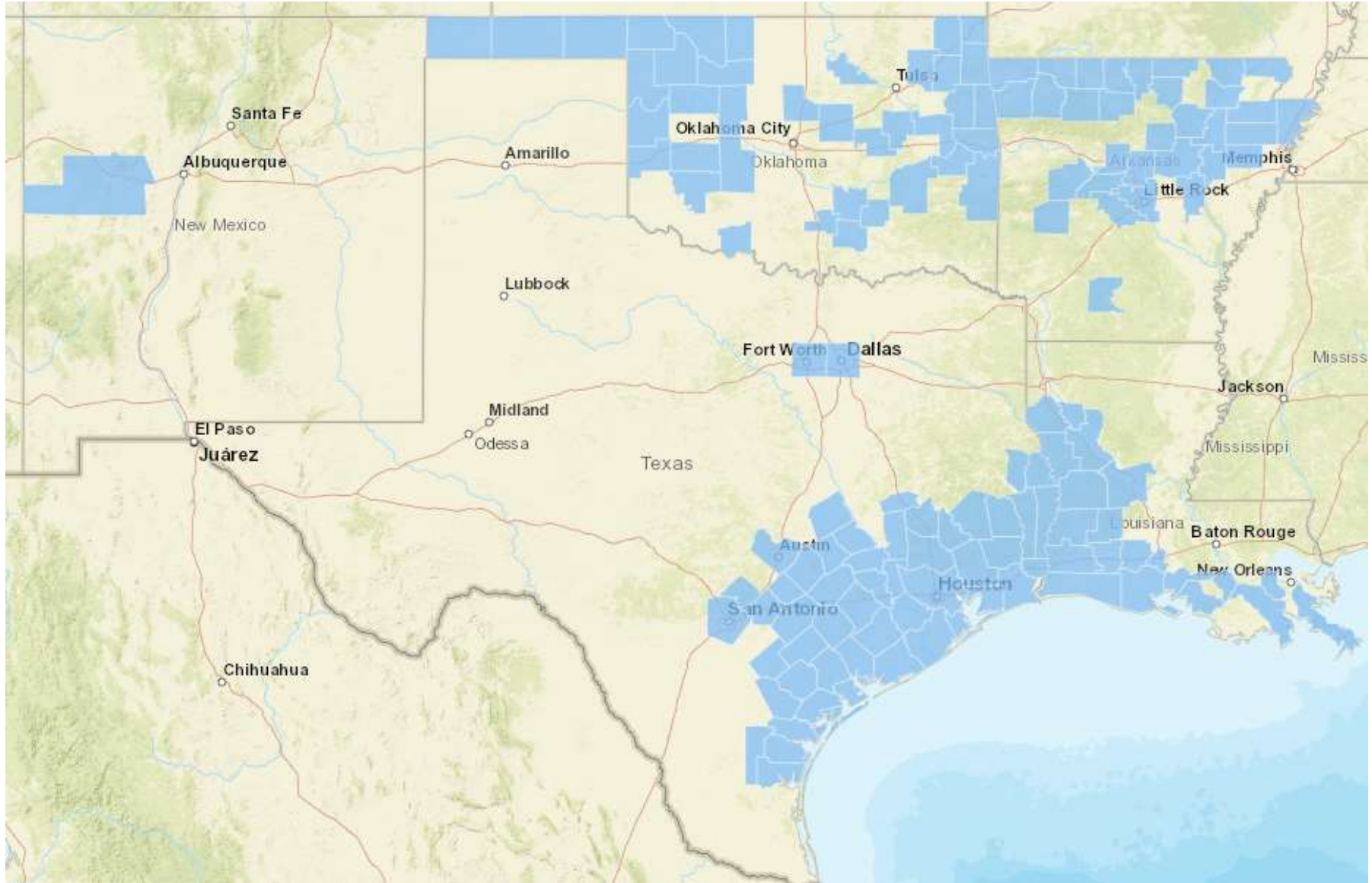
• WESST	NM	Entrepreneurship Program	\$250,000
• E Foundation	OK	Feasibility Study	\$300,000
• Borderplex (WSB)	TX	Life Sciences Assessment	\$200,000
• East TX EDD	TX	ETX Broadband Initiative	\$375,000
• Chennault Aviation Museum	LA	Aircraft Pavilion	\$450,000
• OSU-IT	OK	Welding remediation	\$250,000
• Milam County	TX	strategic plan	\$212,500
• IPCC	NM	Makerspace for Native Am	\$1,000,000
• Brownsville CIC	TX	eBridge – Ctr for Business	\$900,000
• City of Weslaco	TX	Weslaco Apt Hanger Expansion	\$850,000



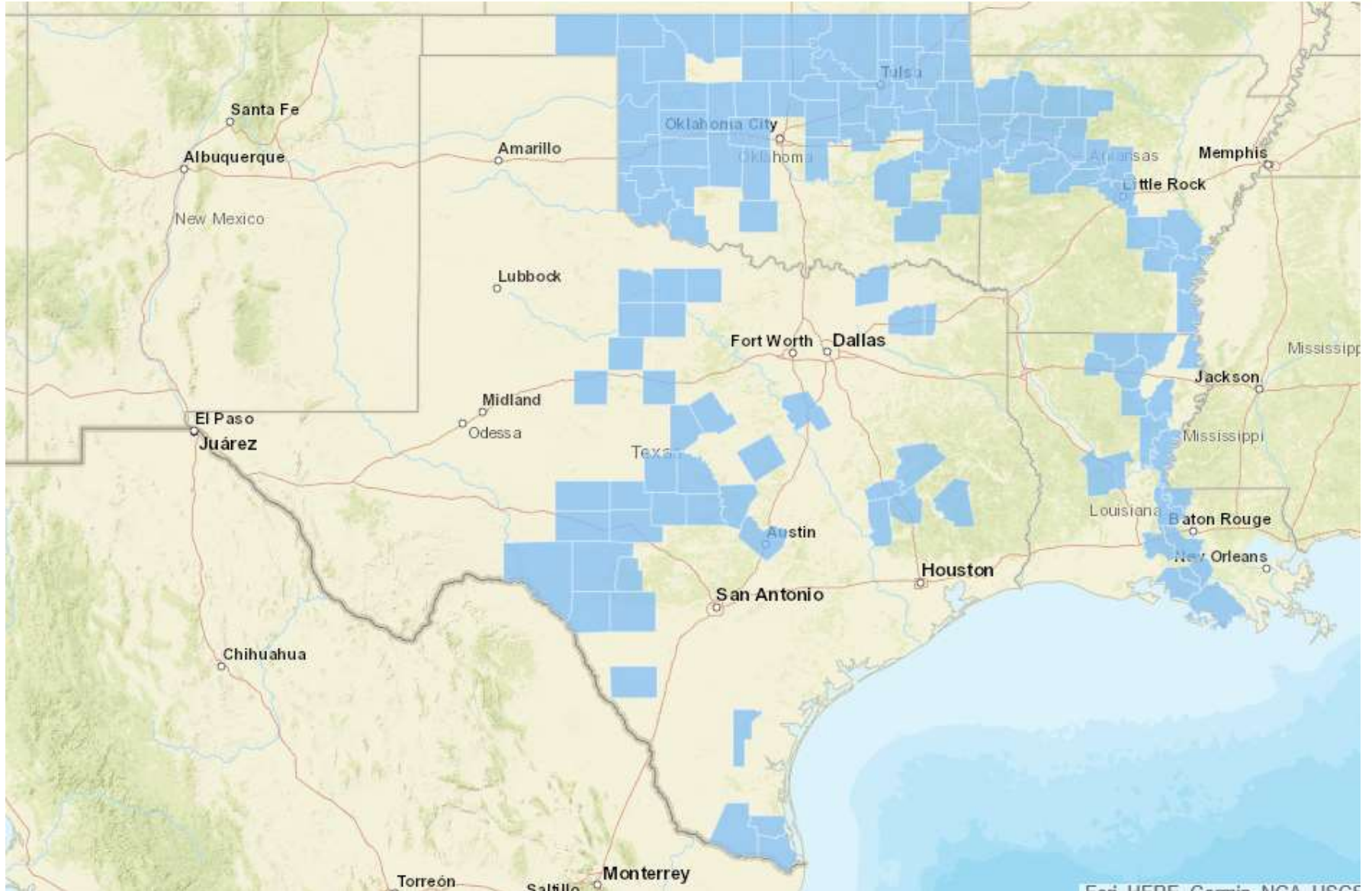
• Harris Co Flood District	TX	“Harris Co Flood Control”	\$320,000
• TruFund Financial	TX	“TruFund Disaster Resilience Prog”	\$1,100,000
• Rockport	TX	“Center for the Arts Building”	\$5,000,000
• TEEK	TX	“Disaster Recovery Training”	\$280,000
• City of Harrison	AR	“Goblin Drive Improvement”	\$1,660,000
• Independence County	AR	“Ind Co Bridge Repair”	\$2,500,000
• GNO, Inc.	LA	“Workforce Partnership”	\$950,000
• City of Anahuac	TX	“Anahuac WWTP”	\$5,000,000
• Univ of Texas	TX	“Coastal Ocean Sci Center”	\$5,000,000
• LiftFund Inc.	TX	“Harvey Relief Program”	\$500,000
• IEDC	DC	Economic Recovery Support	\$800,000
• Dickinson EDC	TX	“Gulf Coast Public Market”	\$3,000,000
• East Montgomery CID	TX	“Industrial Park Business Center”	\$1,500,000
• W Calcasieu Port	LA	“Bulkhead Improvements”	\$4,200,000
• Deep East Texas CoG	TX	“Rural Broadband Engineering Plan”	\$600,000
• Victoria College	TX	“Workforce Bldg. & Equipment”	\$3,800,000
• Plaquemines Parish Govt	LA	“Water Intake Pump Station”	\$4,000,000
• SER Jobs for Progress	TX	“Workforce Training Center”	\$5,000,000

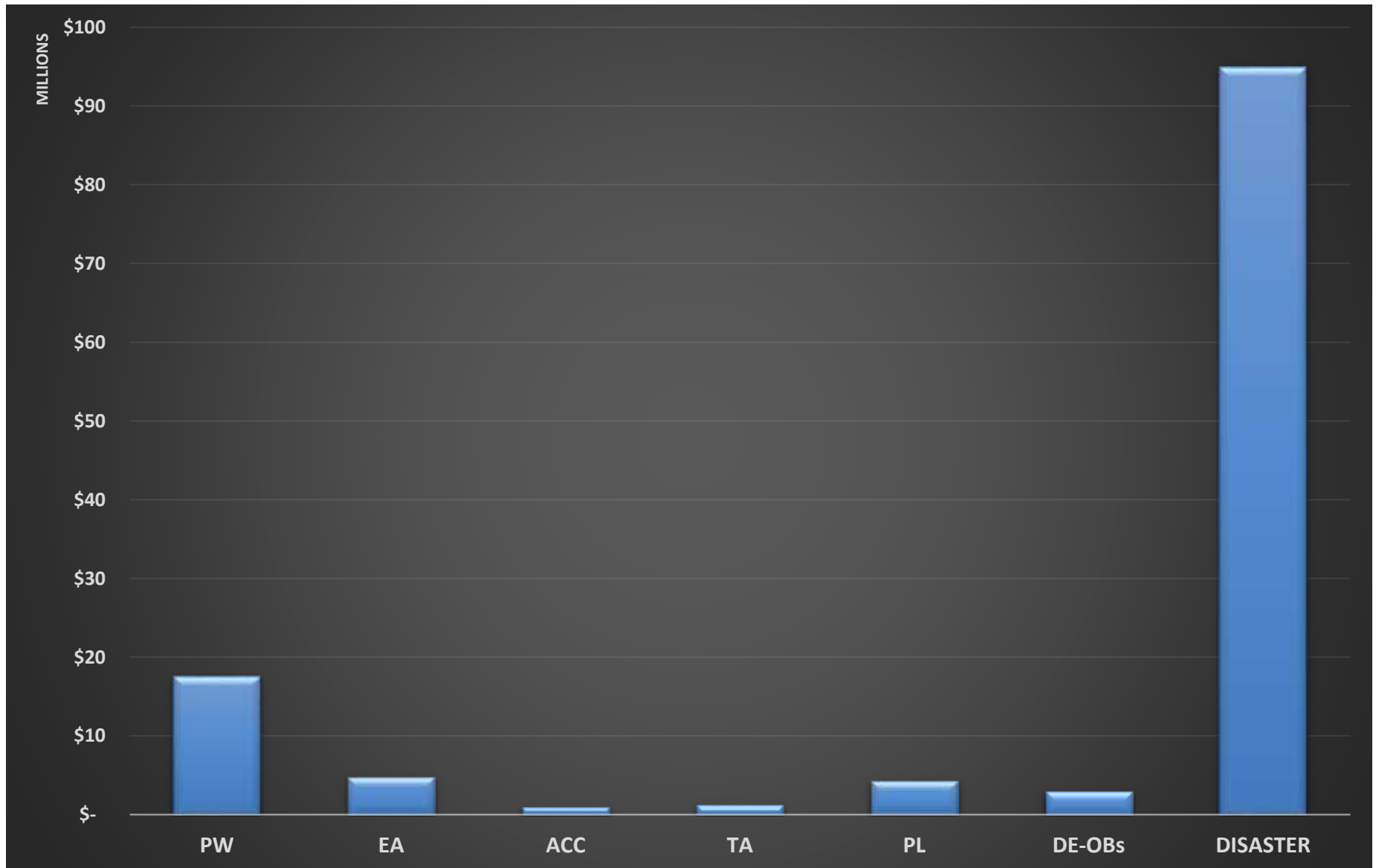


• San Jacinto County	TX	“Innovation/Emergency Ctr”	\$1,600,000
• Corpus Christi City of	TX	“Jr. Beck Drive Improvements	\$3,000,000
• UTMB at Galveston	TX	“Tech & Workforce Dev Center”	\$2,000,000
• Newton County	TX	“Deweyville Road Improvements”	\$2,070,000
• Fifth Ward	TX	“Technology Center”	\$3,700,000
• La Grange, City of	TX	“Sanitary Sewer/Lift Station”	\$1,800,000
• Lawrence County	AR	“Co Road 210 Improvements”	\$845,000
• Albany, Town of	LA	“Sewer Treatment & Pump”	\$845,000
• Texas Tech University	TX	Innovative Financing Strategy	\$750,000
• Lamar State Port Arthur	TX	“Industrial Training Center”	\$4,800,000
• Seadrift, City of	TX	“Channel & Harbor Infrastructure”	\$3,450,000
• West Orange	TX	“Relocation/Exp of WWTP”	\$5,000,000
• Common Market	TX	“Regional Food Systems”	\$3,000,000
• Bastrop County	TX	“Community Center & Shelter”	\$2,000,000
• Kleberg County	TX	“Public Safety Training Center”	\$4,300,000
• Prairie View A&M	TX	“Rural Disaster Job Program”	\$800,000
• Dayton, City of	TX	“Infrastructure industrial area”	\$4,800,000
• Urban Partnerships CDC	TX	“East End Maker Hub Project”	\$5,000,000



ELIGIBLE AREAS 2018/2019 DISASTERS







- The United States federal government shutdown of 2018–2019 occurred from midnight EST on December 22, 2018, until January 25, 2019 (35 days). It was the longest U.S. government shutdown in history.



The New IQ Index	2017 Score	2018 Score	2019 Goal	2019 Score
The New IQ Overall	45%	71%	80%	76%
• → Fair	37%	60%	65%	66%
• → Open	44%	71%	75%	73%
• → Cooperative	37%	66%	70%	73%
• → Supportive	63%	86%	90%	91%
• → Empowered	43%	70%	75%	77%

Employee Engagement Index	2017 Score	2018 Score	2019 Goal	2019 Score
Employee Engagement Overall	54%	80%	85%	83%
• → Leaders Lead	41%	72%	75%	74%
• → Supervisors	61%	85%	85%	87%
• → Intrinsic Work Experience	60%	82%	85%	90%
Global Satisfaction Index	57%	88%	90%	96%
Response Rate	73%	100%	100%	100%



JORGE AYALA
Regional Director

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Rick Sebenoler, ED Integrator

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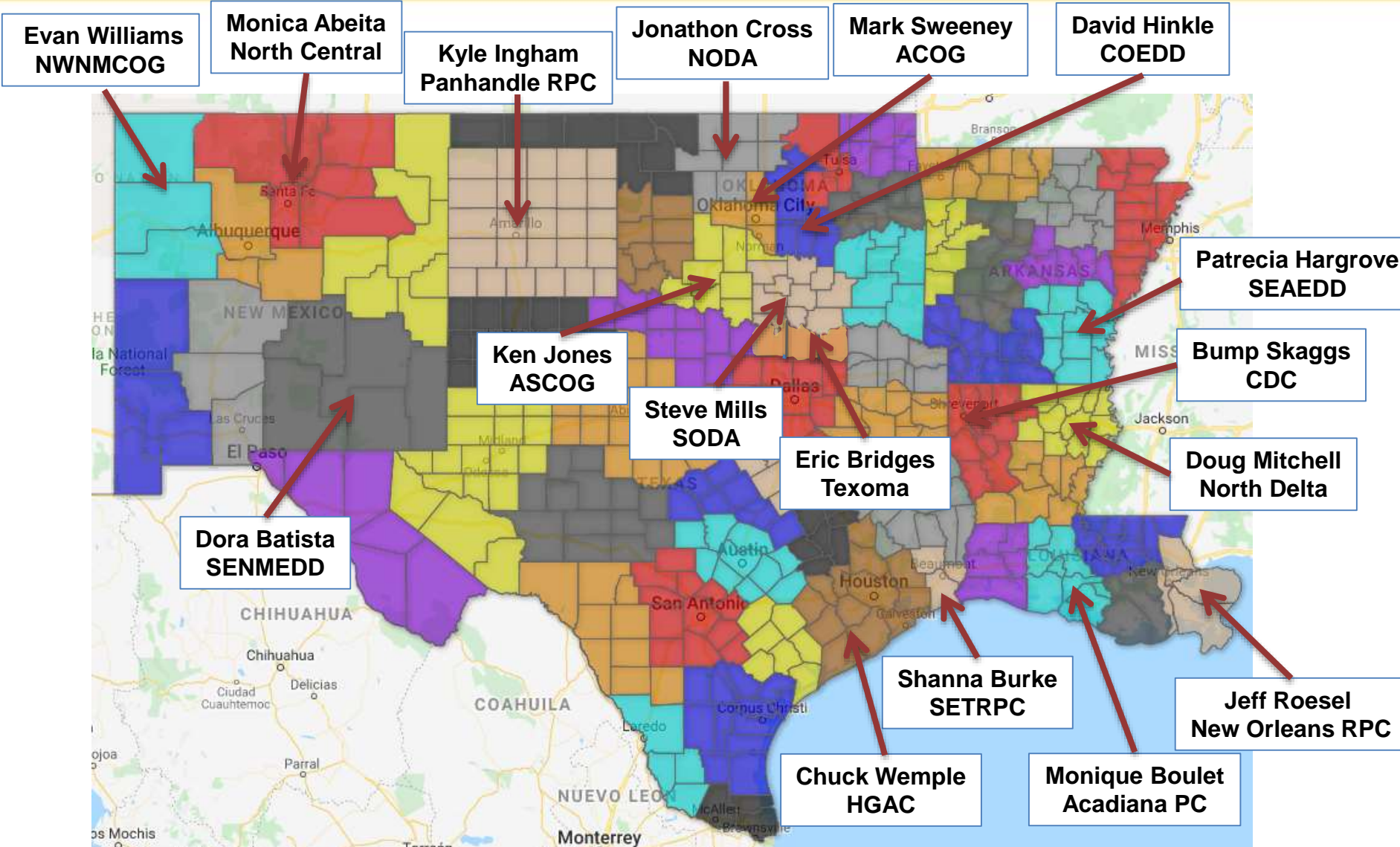
VACANT, OK/North TX EDR

Molly Adams, Temp Disaster EDS

Melanie Fisher, Temp Disaster EDS



Last three years...





- **Errin Clocker**
Deputy Director/CFO
Grand Gateway EDA
Big Cabin, OK
- **Kelly Davila**
Director of Regional Services
South Plains Association of Governments
Lubbock, TX
- **Dorthy Jackson**
Regional and Economic Development
Manager
Heart of Texas COG
Waco, TX
- **Raymond Mondragon**
Director of Economic Development and
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Eastern Plains COG
Clovis, NM
- **Juan Rodriguez**
Director, Regional Services and
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South Texas Development Council
Laredo, TX



4th Year Hosts

- Acadiana Planning Commission
- Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)
- Capital Region Planning Commission
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments
- East Texas Council of Governments
- Gulf Coast Economic Development District
- Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning and Development District
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
- North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
- Rio Grande Council of Governments
- South Plains Association of Governments
- Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District
- South Western Oklahoma Development Authority
- Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
- *Texas Association of Regional Councils*

1,362

- No. of Organizations Receiving Services

\$1.825M

- Total In-Kind and Cash Leveraged





5 Year Grants at \$112,850/year

- University of Arkansas Little Rock
 - Arkansas State University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Southern University and A&M College
 - San Juan College
 - University of New Mexico
 - University of Oklahoma
 - The University of Texas at Tyler
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi





- Conference locations
- 2020 Houston, TX
 - 2021 Northwest, AR
 - 2022 New Orleans, LA



Emerging Leader
Program
2020 – 2023
Five selectees each year



Majority	Minority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerry Moran, Kansas, <i>Chairman</i> • Lamar Alexander, Tennessee • Lisa Murkowski, Alaska • Susan Collins, Maine • Lindsey Graham, South Carolina • John Boozman, Arkansas • Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia • John Kennedy, Louisiana • Marco Rubio, Florida 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire, <i>Ranking Member</i> • Patrick Leahy, Vermont • Dianne Feinstein, California • Jack Reed, Rhode Island • Chris Coons, Delaware • Brian Schatz, Hawaii • Joe Manchin, West Virginia • Chris Van Hollen, Maryland



Joined a new club...



Ethan Carlos Ayala
Born: 09/10/2019
9lbs 6oz

Already cheering for
America's Team!!!