

2021 Star of the Southwest Awards

2021 SWREDA CONFERENCE

COLLABORATION: THE KEY TO RESILIENCE

Five Awardees

Northwest Arkansas Robotics Training Center

- Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District
- Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
- Northwest Arkansas Community College

The SEED Center

- Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development District
- Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
- McNeese State University

City of Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project

- Eastern Oklahoma Development District
- Cherokee Nation
- Indian Health Service
- State of Oklahoma
- TJEMF Foundation
- USDA

Keshet Ideas and Innovation Community, Keshet Dance Company

- Mid-Region Council of Governments (NM)
- Keshet Dance Company (NM)

DETCOG Regional Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center

- Deep East Texas COG & EDD
- City of Lufkin EDC
- T.L.L. Temple Foundation
- E.L. Kurth, Jr. Charitable Foundation

Northwest Arkansas Robotics Training Center



Northwest Arkansas EDD
Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
Northwest Arkansas Community College

Northwest Arkansas Robotics Center

- Partnered with Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Northwest Arkansas Community College
- \$336,000 EDA investment
- \$365,000 from Walton Family Foundation
- \$245,000 from Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
- \$9,000 from State of Arkansas
- Opened 2019; graduate 134 students
- Robotics skills training



The SEED Center



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*Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
McNeese State University*



The SEED Center

- **Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission**
- **Partnered with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and McNeese State University**
- **\$3.9 million EDA investment**
- **Houses up to 30 startup businesses**
- **Provides classrooms for McNeese State University, McNeese State University Small Business Development Center, Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, SCORE and IMCAL**
- **Estimated 1,500 jobs created**

City of Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project



Eastern Oklahoma Development District
Cherokee Nation
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USDA

City of Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project

- **Eastern Oklahoma Development District**
- **Leveraged nearly \$4 million from State of Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation, Indian Health Service, TJEMCF Foundation, and USDA**
- **Major improvements to Stilwell sewage treatment facility**
- **Allowed SFC Global Supply to expand operations at Schwan Foods facility in Stilwell**
- **Retained 181 jobs; created 100 new positions**
- **Eliminated need for seasonal employee layoffs**



Keshet Ideas and Innovation Community, Keshet Dance Company



MID-REGION
Council of Governments

**Mid-Region Council of Governments (NM)
Keshet Dance Company (NM)**

Mid-Region Council of Governments

- Partnered with the Keshet Dance Company to create the Keshet Ideas and Innovation Community (KIIC)
- \$1 million EDA investment
- \$280,000 initially leveraged from public and private sources
- Since project launch, an additional \$5.6 million has been leveraged
- KIIC has created/retained 185 jobs
- Supported over 500 artists



DETCOG Regional Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center



**Deep East Texas COG and EDD
*City of Lufkin EDC
T.L.L. Temple Foundation
E.L. Kurth, Jr. Charitable Foundation***

DETCOG Regional Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center

- Deep East Texas CCOG and EDD
- Partnered with City of Lufkin Economic Development Corporation, T.L.L. Temple Foundation, and E.L. Kurth, Jr. Charitable Foundation
- Created the DETCOG Regional Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center
- \$1 million EDA investment
- \$3 million leveraged from state, local, and private resources
- DETCOG consolidated into 1 facility
- 60 jobs created or retained



**Join us this evening from 5:00
until 6:30 p.m. in Grand
Ballroom 7 – 8 for the Awards
Roundtable Reception.**

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