



2026 SOUTHWEST REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 14-17 | AUSTIN, TEXAS

2026 Awardees



Arkansas

Saline County Old River Bridge Restoration Project
Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc.

Louisiana

Biomedical Research and Innovation Park
North Delta Regional Planning & Development District

New Mexico

Gila Regional Medical Center
Grant County, State of New Mexico, Local legislators, SWNM Council of Governments

Oklahoma

Greenwood Entrepreneurship at Moton (GEM)
Indian Nations Council of Governments

Texas

El Paso Regional CEDS Partnership Initiative
Rio Grande Council of Governments



Saline County Old River Bridge Restoration Project



**Central Arkansas Planning and
Development District, Inc.**

Lonoke, Arkansas

Saline County Old River Bridge Restoration Project

- Built in 1891 by Youngstown Company in Ohio for \$7,000
- Part of the “Old Military Rd.”
- Out of Service in 1974: Truck carrying concrete blocks fell through bridge floor
- **Phase 1: \$378K**
 - \$11k TAP Flex
 - \$296k TAPU
 - \$71k TAPU
- **Phase 2: \$2.4 Million**
 - \$282k STPU
 - \$326k TAPU
 - \$35k TAPR
 - \$117k TAPR
 - \$1.7 Million TAPR
- **Phase 3: \$4.4 Million**
 - \$1 Million EDA
 - \$1.9 Million FHWA



Partner Organizations



Biomedical Research and Innovation Park



North Delta Regional Planning & Development District

Monroe, Louisiana

Biomedical Research and Innovation Park (BRIP)

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located in Monroe, Louisiana.
 - Focused on Biomedical, Health Sciences, Agricultural Technology Innovation, rural health, and Technology-based business growth.
 - Supports Translational Research, Entrepreneurship, and Talent Development.
 - 18+ acre site in Monroe, Louisiana, adjacent to ULM and key medical assets.
 - Strategically located to serve Northeast Louisiana's underserved population.
 - Infrastructure in place to support rapid development
- \$24M+ in Louisiana capital outlay
 - \$5.75M federal and State grant
 - \$2M in State Appropriation
 - Total Project cost \$47.5 M, actively engaging state, federal, and foundation partners for expansion

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Gila Regional Medical Center



Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments

Silver City, New Mexico

Partner Organizations

- Gila Regional Medical Center
- State of New Mexico
- Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments

PHASE I – ROOF REPLACEMENT

BEFORE



AFTER



- State of New Mexico Capital Outlay - \$250,000
- EDA Investment: \$2,500,000
- Total Other Investment: \$2,750,000

Gila Regional Medical Center

PHASE 2 – HVAC – OPERATING ROOMS



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- ✓ Serves 80,000 patients a year
- ✓ Serves the counties of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna
- ✓ 300 Employees – Major Employer
- ✓ 3000 Surgeries a year

Greenwood Entrepreneurship at Moton (GEM)



Indian Nations Council of Governments

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Greenwood Entrepreneurship at Moton (GEM)

- ❑ Redevelopment of the historic Moton Health Center site in North Tulsa into a modern entrepreneurship hub designed to support small businesses, startups, and community-based economic growth
- ❑ Establishes an AI Co-Innovation Lab to support startups, companies, and individuals, providing access to Microsoft's leading AI technologies and expertise
- ❑ A step toward restoring the entrepreneurial legacy of Black Wall Street
- ❑ EDA Investment: \$3,000,000
- ❑ Total Other Investment: \$5,026,000



Partner Organizations

- **Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC)**
- **City of Tulsa**
- **PartnerTulsa**
- **Black Tech Street**
- **Microsoft**





El Paso Regional CEDS Partnership Initiative



Rio Grande Council of Governments
El Paso, Texas

El Paso Regional CEDS Partnership Initiative

- The CEDS process addresses shared economic priorities across Mexico, West Texas, and Southern New Mexico through cross-border collaboration.
- Projects are prioritized using a Benefit-Cost Analysis that evaluates readiness, job creation, investment, revenue potential, external funding, and sponsor capacity.
- CEDS is built by engaging public agencies, private industry, nonprofits, and cross-border partners in Ciudad Juárez to align policies and incentives.
- The strategy focuses on priority growth industries, including advanced manufacturing, aerospace and defense, infrastructure, energy resilience, and small businesses, with final adoption planned for late 2026.
- EDA Investment: \$80,000
- Total Other Investment: \$33+ million Deck Plaza, \$15+ million Ysleta Port, \$16+ million projects related to Fort Bliss, \$20+ million for SCIF from Texas Space Commission



CEDS Project Intake Form
Economic & International Development

Project Description

Provide a brief summary (2-4 sentences) describing the purpose, goals, and main activities of the project.

Alignment with CEDS Priorities

Which CEDS Goal(s) or Priority Area(s) Does the Project Address?

<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Resilience	<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Resilience	<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business and Entrepreneurship
<input type="checkbox"/> Culture and Heritage	

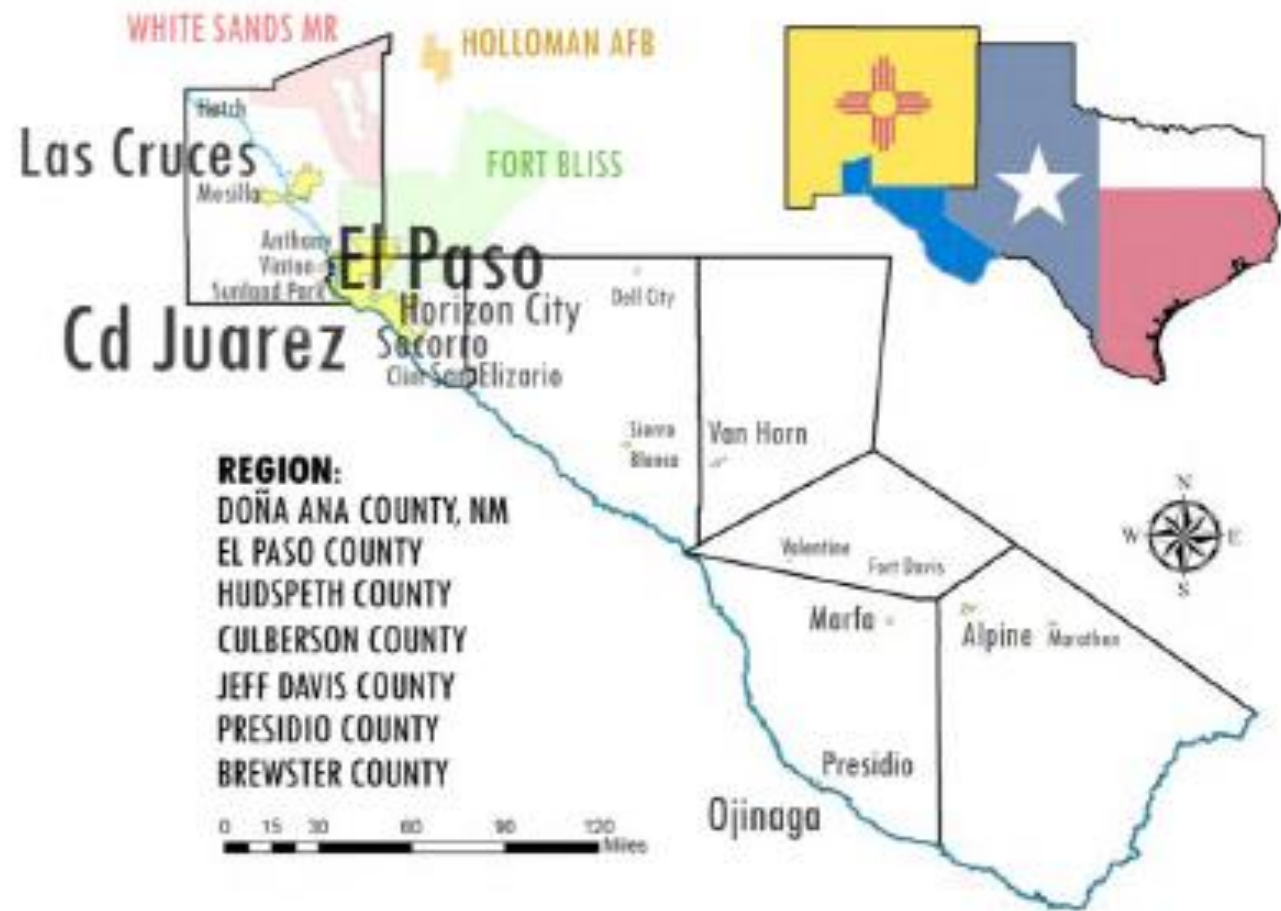
Geographic Area/Region Impacted

Indicate the primary city, county, or region the project will serve.

Partner Organizations

- Rio Grande Council of Governments
- City of El Paso
- Ciudad Juarez Municipal Government
- 50+ Private Sector participants
- 28 Governments
- EPCC, UTEP
- 30+ Non-profits

CEDS Region





Awards Roundtable Reception

Dovers Courtyard

Thursday, April 16

5:00 pm - 6:30 p.m.

