# Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion Task Force Services



Mesquite Independent School District Career and Technical Education students touring Pickle Juice as part of Manufacturing Day.







#### **Business Services**

The BRE Task Force is a partnership of Mesquite's core business support organizations, including the City of Mesquite, the Mesquite and Forney Independent School Districts, Dallas College, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas and the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. The task force works to empower existing employers, employees and entrepreneurs in the community.

To the right you will find services that each task force partner provides to the business community.



Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas exchanging information with Taco City y Mas as part of a business meet and greet.



### City of Mesquite

- Liaison to city departments including Planning, Health, Building Inspection, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Services, Police, Fire, Airport, Parks & Recreation, Utilities and Marketing
- Assist with new development and/or redevelopment process
- Community data including demographics, maps, commercial property searches and business data such as top employers, business industry clusters and more
- · How to get involved in the community
- · How to start a business in Mesquite
- Residential, educational, and lifestyle information
- Marketing tools such as community photography and business success stories
- Connections and introductions
- · Websites: mesquiteecodev.com, cityofmesquite.com
- Contact: Lexie Woodward, Manager of Economic Development, lwoodward@cityofmesquite.com, office: 972.216.6446



### **Mesquite Chamber of Commerce**

- · Small business support
- · Business to business marketing opportunities
- · Business to consumer exposure
- Relationship building
- Business Advocacy
- · Monthly Networking events
- Monthly luncheon with topics that keep businesses informed or tools to grow their business
- Business credibility and visibility
- · Leadership development through Leadership Mesquite
- · Connect businesses with the local community
- · Website: mesquitechamber.com
- Contact: Alexander Helgar, President, alexander@mesquitechamber.com, cell: 469.479.4405

## WORKFORCESOLUTIONS GREATER DALLAS

### **Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas**

- Employer Job Posting post your job openings in WorkInTexas.com for free
- Job Fairs host areawide job fairs at no cost
- Customized Hiring Events customize a hiring event based on your company's specific needs
- JobsNOW Marketing Broadcasts broadcast your job opportunities to the public on our weekly Facebook broadcast
- Subsidized Employment Programs partner with you to provide our candidates a job/training opportunity while we pay the salary for up to 12 weeks
- Skills Development Training/Skills for Small Business work with you to connect you to the training your company needs
- Free Online Training Courses abundant online training courses in our Metrix system to upskill your employees
- Labor Market Information local labor market information to help you stay competitive in your market
- Talent Pipeline Connections/Resources connecting to the talent sources which are training future workers for your business
- · Website: wfsdallas.com
- · Contact: info@wfsdallas.com, 214.290.1000



### **Mesquite Independent School District**

- Internships
- Work-based learning opportunities
- · Workforce pipeline partnerships
- · Partnership opportunities
- Career and technical education high school, Vanguard High School - vanguardhighschool.mesquiteisd.org
- · Website: www.mesquiteisd.org
- Contact: Sheldon Stoker, Facilitator, Career and Technical Education, sstoker@mesquiteisd.org, 972.882.7523



### **Dallas College**

- Support professional development through partnerships to offer programs such as GED, ESL, workforce training certifications, or employer-sponsored tuition to pursue degree or transfer programs
- Find talent by hiring one of 100k students enrolled at Dallas College or with talent acquisition solutions to help you locate regional professionals
- Give back by volunteering for mentorship, resume review, serving on a curriculum advisory committee, or giving to the Dallas College Foundation to support students overcoming barriers
- Rethink what the workplace looks like by partnering to co-locate your office or facility at Dallas College
- Innovate how you build your talent pipeline by tapping into our work-based learning programs including apprenticeships, co-ops, work-study, practicums, and internships. We have programs in IT, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, robotics, and more, and are willing to partner to create new programs
- Grow your businesses with business coaching and planning through Goldman Sachs's 10,000 Small Business program. Launch your innovation with our entrepreneurship programs at the Venture Club. Network locally by becoming a vendor with Dallas College
- Website: dallascollege.edu, dallascollege.edu/business-industry
- Contact: BusinessEngagement@DallasCollege.edu



### **Forney Independent School District**

- Internship opportunities
- · Work-based learning opportunities
- · Annual job fair for juniors and seniors
- · Mentor and speaking engagement opportunities
- · Advertising and sponsorship opportunities
- Career and technical education high school, Opportunity Central to assist with workforce development and pipeline, www.theoc.net
- Website: forneyisd.net
- Contact: Talana Morris, Coordinator of Business Partnerships, tjmorris@forneyisd.net, 469.762.4104



