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October 2020 Newsletter

NEDCO Members,

Welcome to our October 2020 Newsletter! NEDCO Staff continues to work diligently to share beneficial information as it becomes available and provide as much support as we can during this time. We are here to help in whatever way we can, so please reach out and let us know if there is anything we can assist you with!

If you have anything you would like to be featured in our Monthly Newsletter, call 936-559-1255 or email nedco@nedco.org to let Haley know.

Updates from the Office

The Alliance for I-69 Texas Virtual DC Fly-In

- Last month, NEDCO President/CEO Larissa Philpot joined more than 20 representatives of Texas communities in virtual meetings with the Washington offices of Texas senators and Congress members. The mission of the Virtual DC Fly-In is to advocate the continuation and acceleration of the ongoing development of Interstate 69 throughout Texas. To view a full press release about the efforts of the Alliance for I-69 Texas, click here: [The Alliance for I-69 Texas Press Release](#)

Available to NEDCO Members: Bulk Supply of N-95 and Surgical Masks

To thank you for your support of economic development within Nacogdoches, the City has rewarded NEDCO Members with priority access to an allotment of masks given by the

NEDCO Members may put in requests for boxes of N-95 and single-use surgical masks by the case. Cases of masks will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

- N-95 cases contain 960 masks -- there are 41 cases available
- Surgical cases contain 2000 masks -- there are 63 cases available

Linked below is a request form to signify how many cases you would like to receive for your business. Please fill out the form and email it to nedco@nedco.org by Friday, October 16th.

[Download the Mask Distribution Form Here](#)

Grant Opportunity

State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant Opportunity

- The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) received a State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. TDA will administer the STEP program through partnerships that include the Office of the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Division and the U.S. Department of Commerce. No other federal funds will be matched against this award.
- The program's objectives are to increase the number of small businesses that are exporting, and to increase the value of exports for those small businesses that are currently exporting. The STEP program will take the necessary steps to create or expand their export capacity and provide financial assistance along the way to help them achieve success.
- For more information about program eligibility and requirements, visit the link here: [TDA STEP Program Information](#). Applications close October 29th, 2020.

Economic Indicators



Sales Tax Summary for Nacogdoches County (based on August 2020 sales)

August 2020 vs 2019 - 8.09%
(Current Month Comparison)



Sales Tax Summary for the City of Nacogdoches (based on August 2020 sales)

August 2020 vs 2019 - 7.83%
(Current Month Comparison)

August 2020 YTD vs 2019 - 6.43%
(Fiscal Year to Date Comparison)

August 2020 YTD vs 2019 - 6.65%
(Fiscal Year to Date Comparison)



**Labor Force for
Nacogdoches County**
(Steadily Increasing from Initial
COVID-19 Decrease)

August 2020- 27,807
July 2020- 26,789
August 2019- 27,962

**Labor Force for
the City of Nacogdoches**
(Steadily Increasing from Initial
COVID-19 Decrease)

August 2020- 14,128
July 2020- 13,623
August 2019- 14,257

Upcoming Events

10/08/2020 -- Transition of NEDCO Officers at October Board Meeting

At tomorrow's board meeting, NEDCO will transition officers. Please join us to honor our outgoing Chairman of the Board, Gary Stokes, and to welcome Robert Flores as he steps into the role of NEDCO Chairman for the 2020-2023 term.



10/21/2020 -- Stephen F. Austin State University Fall Career and Internship Expo

SFASU will be hosting their Career and Internship Expo on *Wednesday October 21, 2020* from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be a virtual event held through Handshake, with a business registration fee of \$150. We would love for NEDCO Board members to connect with potential job candidates and interns as we promote talent attraction and retention within Nacogdoches.



If you have any questions about the Expo or registration, please contact Brandi Derovent at derovenb@sfasu.edu or at (936) 468-3305.

NEDCO is here to assist however we can -- feel free to give us a call at 936-559-1255 or email us at nedco@nedco.org

