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Coastal Bend College

Members of each expanded team, Alice, Beeville, Kingsville, and Pleasanton, took a field trip to Brownsville, Texas to see how Texas Southmost Community College and the Brownsville economic community had used a mall that the college purchased to set up an economic center housing the Brownsville Economic Development Corporation, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Import Export Bank, college training programs, and a business incubator section.

East Central Community College

The theme for the ECCCC-RCCI Team this quarter is "Continuation and Population!" The challenge is to 'continue' to expand delivery of the offerings and activities throughout the College district. Raising community awareness about the College's attempts to reach into areas and serve greater 'populations' with offerings that contribute to success.

Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso

The ENMU-Ruidoso Core Team has completed a second round of community meetings throughout the region, followed by a regional meeting held in Ruidoso. A completed RCCI report for each community is now available and implementation is underway.

Hawaii Community College

A TEAM was formed to attend the RCCI Institute in early August. A team meeting was held in September to reflect upon the lessons gained from the Institute and proceed with next steps.

Piedmont Community College

The RCCI team along with the North Carolina Department of Commerce 21st Century program is nearing completion of the expanded teams development of strategic plan for Caswell County. The report will be forwarded to the County Commissioners in February 2005. The group is already looking to what future structure will be in place to continue to work for growth in Caswell County.

Rochester Community and Technical College

The team met in 3rd quarter to discuss progress of the initiative and determine next steps. There were several areas of interest indicated by the communities that participated in the data collection. The development of implementation plans is dependent on the availability and willingness of community groups. Two of the communities involved have started to move forward in developing a strategy to engage in community development. Moving forward, the role of the RCCI team will be as a resource to support the implementation of community implementation plans.