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## Business Retention & Expansion

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Business Retention and Expansion are the #1 priority of the Lufkin Angelina County Economic Development Team. Knowing that over 70% of new jobs are created by current companies it's no wonder why we prioritize our current industry and focus on creating the type of business environment that incentivizes companies to reinvest in our community. Lufkin Angelina County have a long history of taking companies from infancy and helping them grow to prominent leaders in their industry being the birthplace of Lufkin Industries, Temple Inland of Diboll, Brookshire Brothers Grocery and Atkinson Candy to name just a few. Today, companies that started relatively small in our area have become the anchors to our economy and are continuing to grow and prosper.

Lufkin and Angelina County have a committed team of Leaders, from the Partnership, to the 4B, Chamber, and all stakeholder groups that all work together to help our local companies continue to grow their assets and employ the quality workforce that we proved here in the Heart of East Texas!

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Lufkin / Angelina County also puts our money where our mouths are by providing an aggressive incentive policy for expansion as well as new locations. As a matter of fact, the local incentive policy is even more favorable to current industries looking to expand as we recognize that current companies are already stable tax payers and employers of our fine citizens and should be recognized for that. However, being business friendly isn't only about financial incentives. The Economic Development Team also stands ready to assist companies with retention and expansion needs in the way of employee training programs as provided by Angelina College, employee recruitment programs in conjunction with Workforce Solutions, acting as liaison with city and county departments and officials to address issues being faced, as well as assisting in the recruitment of our companies suppliers or service providers to our location if that would be of benefit. The bottom line is that Business Retention and Expansion are our #1 priority and adding new quality employers and community partners to compliment our current base is #2. Please call on us if we can ever be of assistance or even to act as a sounding board for any new ideas that you feel could be beneficial to your company or our community as a whole.