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### KPMG Site Location Consultant, Mr. Hartley Powell at the VEDC Semi Annual Meeting

Mr. Hartley Powell, Principal of Global Expansion Services at KPMG, LLP shares his insight on why communities should invest in economic development as he speaks at the Semi Annual membership meeting of the VEDC at the Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex. As a Senior Executive with a specialization in site selection and location analysis, Mr. Powell has more than 25 years' experience in economic development, industrial development, and state/local tax incentives.

### New Technology Complex Significant in Industry Recruitment, Development

Partnerships are important to successful community economic development efforts and the Victoria community has a great history of bringing the right partners together to make projects work. At the Victoria Economic Development Corporation (VEDC) we often tell our clients that while our organization does not own land or buildings, we possess many great partnerships that will help make their project a success in our community.

### Caterpillar Training Begins at VC's Emerging Technology Complex



Although Victoria College's Emerging Technology Complex is still weeks away from its official opening, training has already begun in the state-of-the-art Industrial Training Center at the complex.

### Victoria Development Activity tops \$150M in 2014

Victoria clocked more than \$150 million in development in 2014, thanks in part to a drilling boom that shot Texas' oil production to the highest it has been in decades.

It's not just oil and gas playing into the city's construction figures. Demand for housing in Victoria has rocketed during the past five years, bringing a flurry of developers who are attempting to fill the void.

Planning Services Director Jared Mayfield said Victoria has seen more development in the past fiscal year - from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 - than it has in any recent history.

### Victoria is a Best-Performing Small City

The Milken Institute has announced their Best-Performing Cities for 2014. The annual report cites Texas as a "jobs machine" and they rank Victoria, Texas 3rd on their index of Best-Performing Small Cities, 2014. Increased wages and strong five-year job growth pushed Victoria, Texas up the list ahead of two other top 10 Texas small cities; Midland and College Station-Bryan.

## **Growth at Port of Victoria**

Activity at the Port of Victoria is creating an economic impact of \$10 billion, officials estimate.

Leaders from the Port of Victoria presented their annual report to Victoria County commissioners Tuesday, highlighting new docks, rail expansion and other improvements as contributors to the port's success.

## **U.S. Senator John Cornyn talks Shared Workforce Training**

During a visit to the Caterpillar North American Hydraulic Excavator facility in Victoria, Senator John Cornyn recognized the efforts of Victoria College, Workforce Solutions Golden Crescent and the community to forge partnerships for successful industry development.

## **Salem Crossing Subdivision to Bring 162 More Homes to Victoria**

Homes from 1,600 square feet to 4,000 square feet offer owners options near Loop 463 and Salem road.

## **Homebuilder Plans Upscale Victoria County Subdivision**

The Escalera Ranch 1833 subdivision will give residents options of 1 to 5 acre lots on a 119-acre development.