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[Texas Tribune CEO, Evan Smith, Discusses Legislation's Effect on Economy](#)

Evan Smith, CEO and Co-Founder of the Texas Tribune offered a thoughtful perspective on the 85th legislative session as he presented Politics, Policy, Population: Where We Are & Where We Are Going to members of the Victoria EDC at their Semi Annual Membership meeting.

[Shale Energy Powers U.S. Manufacturing Growth](#)

[View Robert Tully, Venture Executive - Gulf Coast Growth Ventures for ExxonMobil Chemical Company as he addresses members of the VEDC.](#)

[Exxon Mobil Executive Presents Shale Energy Powers U.S. Manufacturing Growth](#)

Robert Tully, Exxon Mobil's Gulf Coast Growth Venture Executive addressed members at the VEDC Annual meeting indicating the economic outlook for the petrochemical industry is strong and Victoria remains high on the list of sites being considered for a new multibillion-dollar petrochemical facility.

[Exxon Mobil, Saudis look to create petrochemical venture in Texas](#)

Exxon Mobil and SABIC, which have partnered for more than three decades in Saudi Arabia, are looking in Victoria as well as the Corpus Christi area, specifically San Patricio County, Exxon spokeswoman Margaret Ross said.

[Victoria vies for billion-dollar Exxon project](#)

Victoria EDC continues the mission of marketing to industry representing primary jobs. Victoria County is one of four sites being considered for a multibillion-dollar petrochemical complex proposed by Exxon Mobil Corp. and Saudi Arabia Basic Industries Corp.

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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.

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