

## Brooks Development Authority honored for its economic development successes

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The International Economic Development Council has accredited the Brooks Development Authority, a designation that should enhance the organization's ability to attract new tenants.

The council designated the Brooks Development Authority as an "Accredited Economic Development Organization," one of 24 economic development organizations in the country to receive this status.

Brooks Development Authority President and CEO Donald E. Jakeway joined board members in accepting the accreditation at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. during the Greater San Antonio and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Annual SA to DC trip.

"The Brooks Development Authority displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor," says Jeff Finkle, president and CEO of the council. "The IEDC was impressed with the uniqueness of the BDA and with the vision of community leaders who have come together to make the effort a success."

The Brooks Development Authority is the owner and operator of Brooks City-Base, a 1,246-acre research and technology center that was developed as a partnership between the U.S. Air Force and the City of San Antonio. It is located at the grounds of the former Brooks Air Force Base. The Air Force remains a tenant until September 2011. However, since the formation of Brooks City-Base in 2000, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, **DPT Laboratories**, EarthTech, Grubb Engineering, the City/County Emergency Operations Center and the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering Charter School have all become local tenants.

"The accreditation is a testament to the hard work and energy put forth by the BDA Board of Directors and staff on a daily basis," Chairman Darryl Lyons says. "We are laser focused on the high-tech, research and science opportunities that exist at Brooks City-Base, and the AEDO Accreditation will only enhance those efforts and give us greater national exposure and recognition."

Brooks Development Authority is one of the youngest organizations to receive this status. The International Economic Development Council is the largest membership organization that serves economic and community development professionals.