

Working **T**ogether to Reach our Full Potential

A Regional Strategy for a Stronger Future

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Why we serve

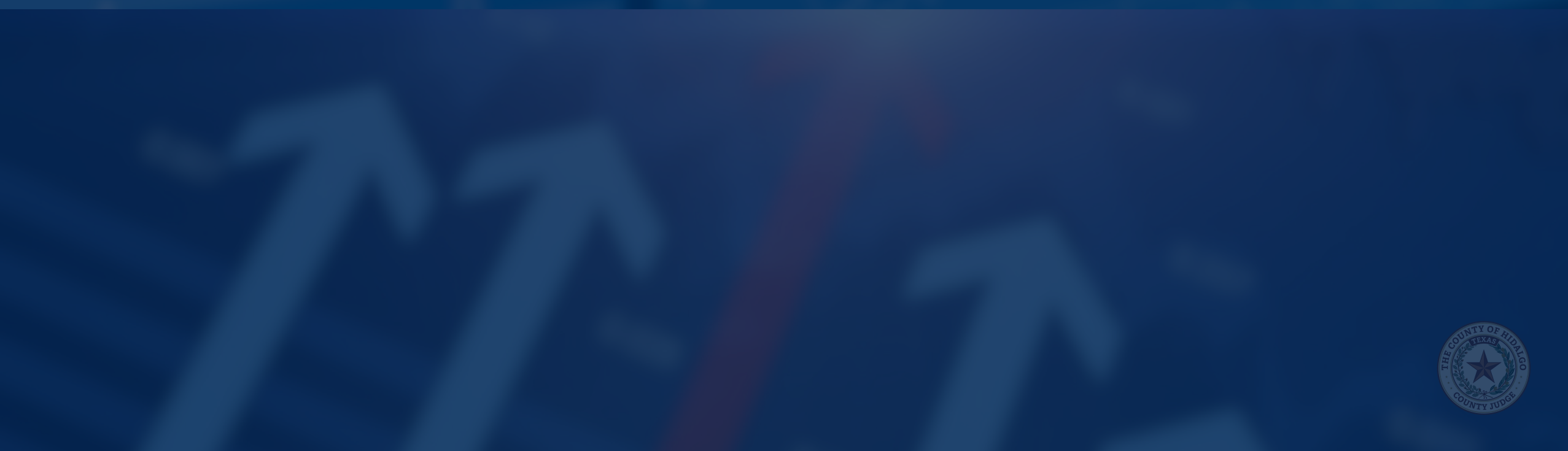


We Cannot Do It Alone

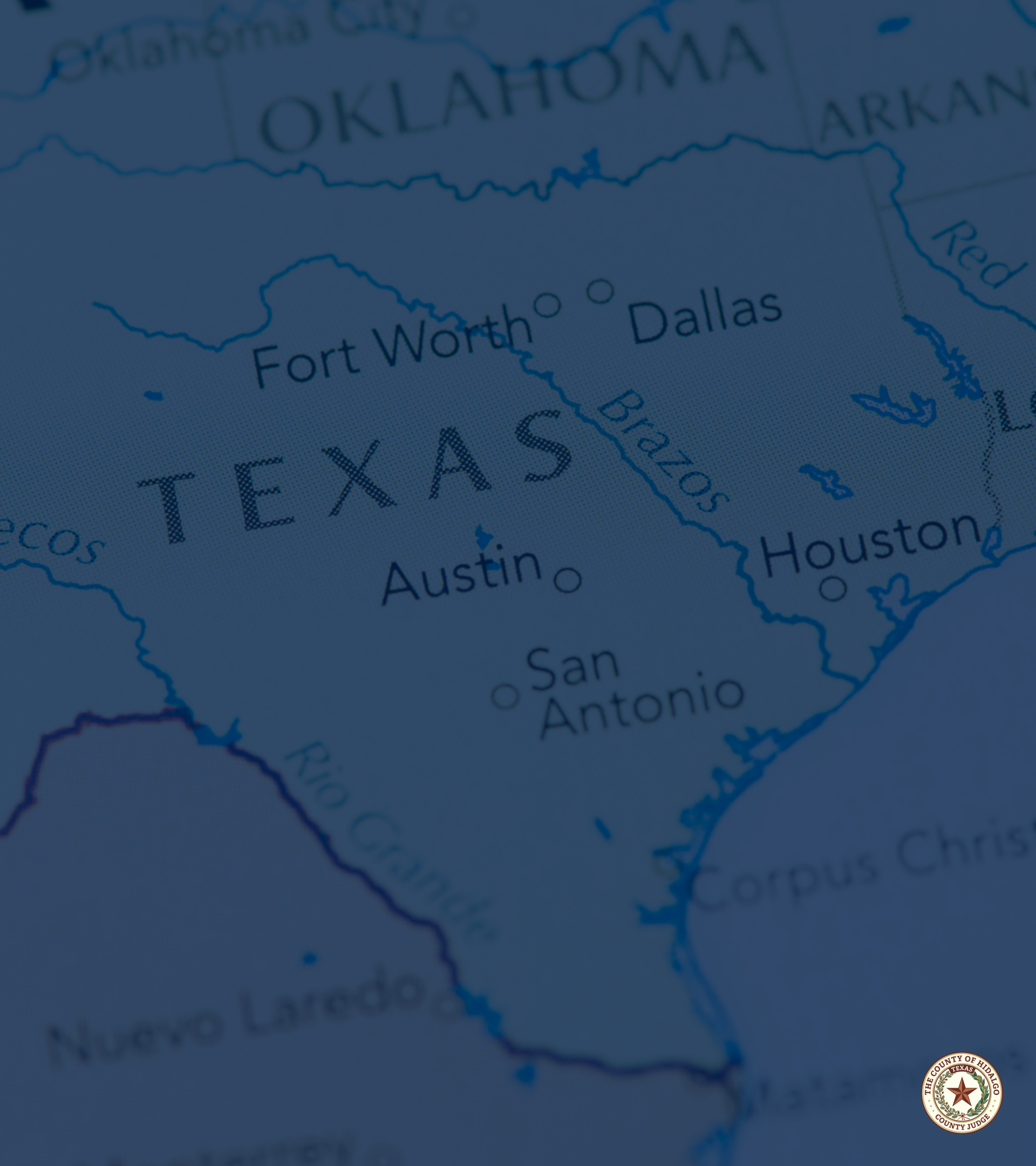
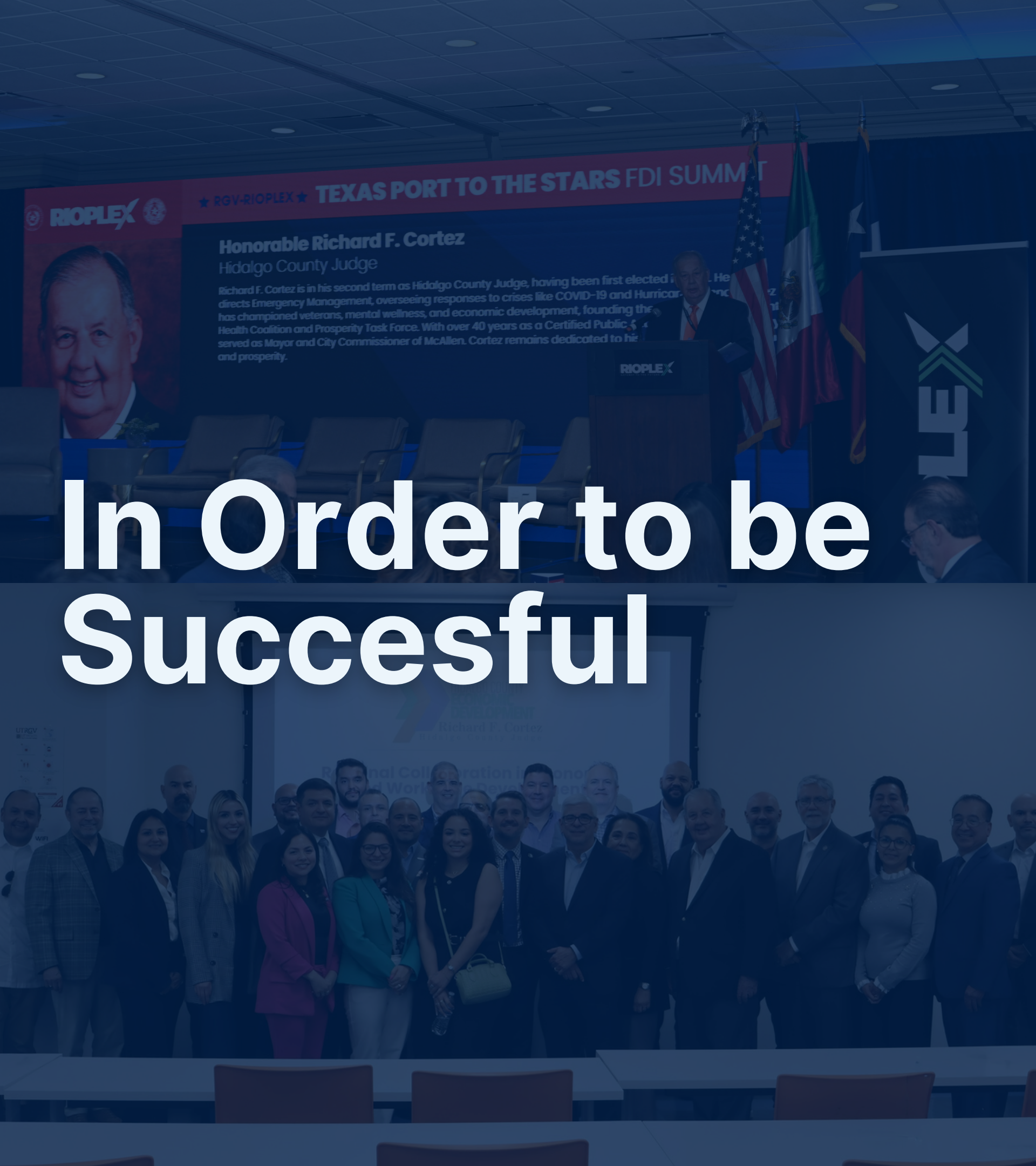


ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fragmentation Creates Limits



In Order to be Successful



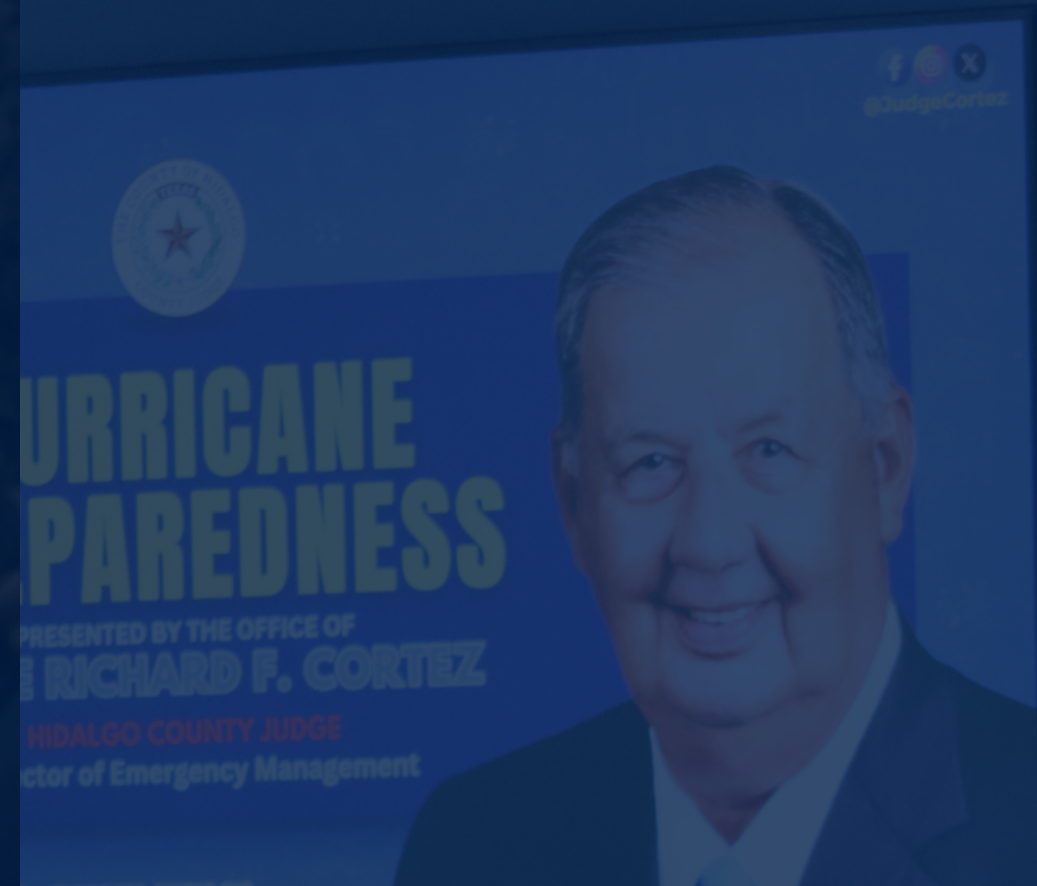


Regional Problems Require Regional Solutions

Nearly 1 in 4 residents in Hidalgo County
lives below the poverty line.



Respect Earned Through Trust





Why Competitiveness Matters

If we don't create opportunity here, our young people will create their future somewhere else.





The Economic Reality

If we want higher-paying jobs, we must build higher-skilled talent.



How do we Compete?

Regions that successfully align housing, transportation, workforce, and economic development retain more talent and attract more investment.



Modern Economic Development

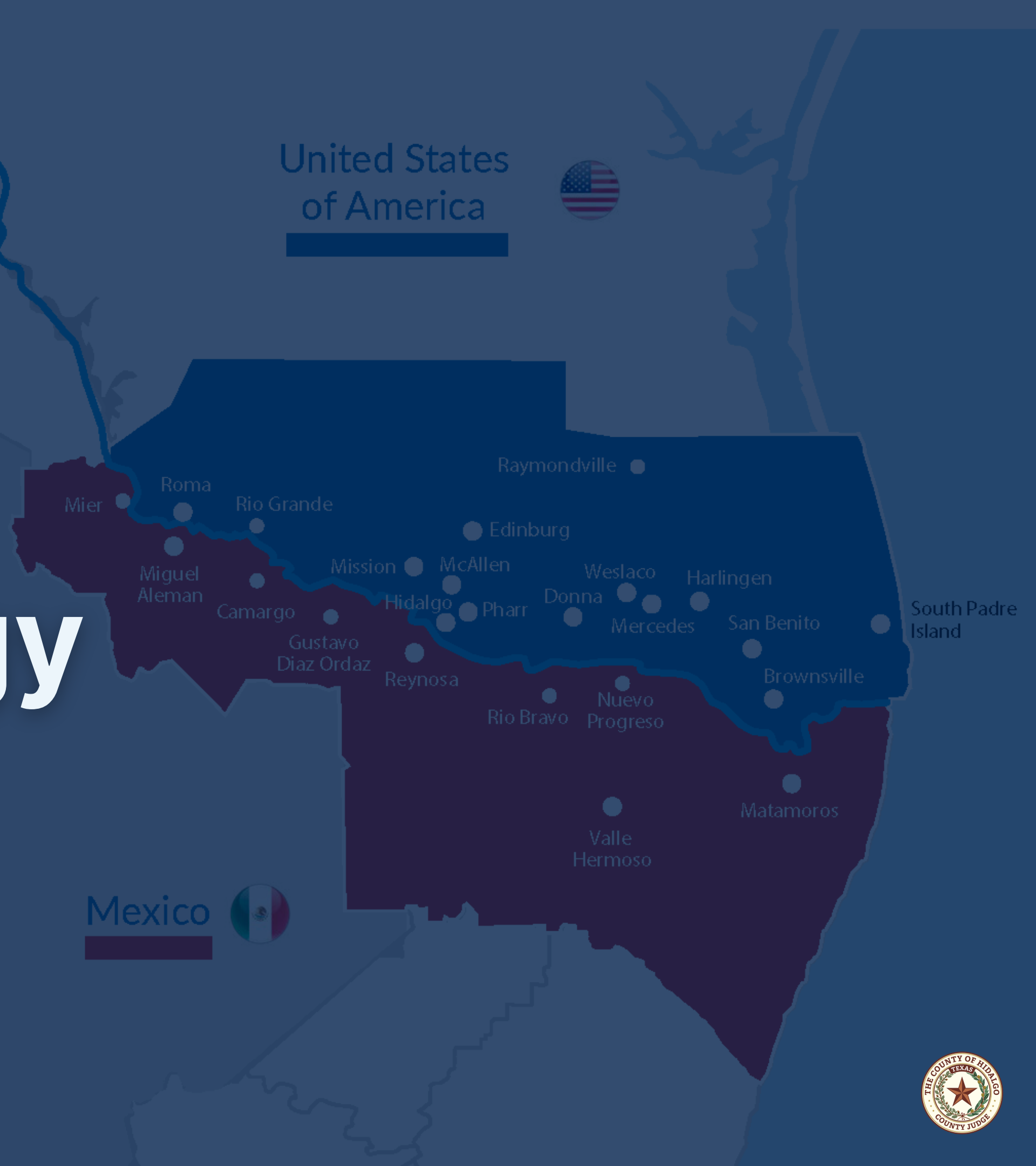
Economic competitiveness and public health are now directly connected.





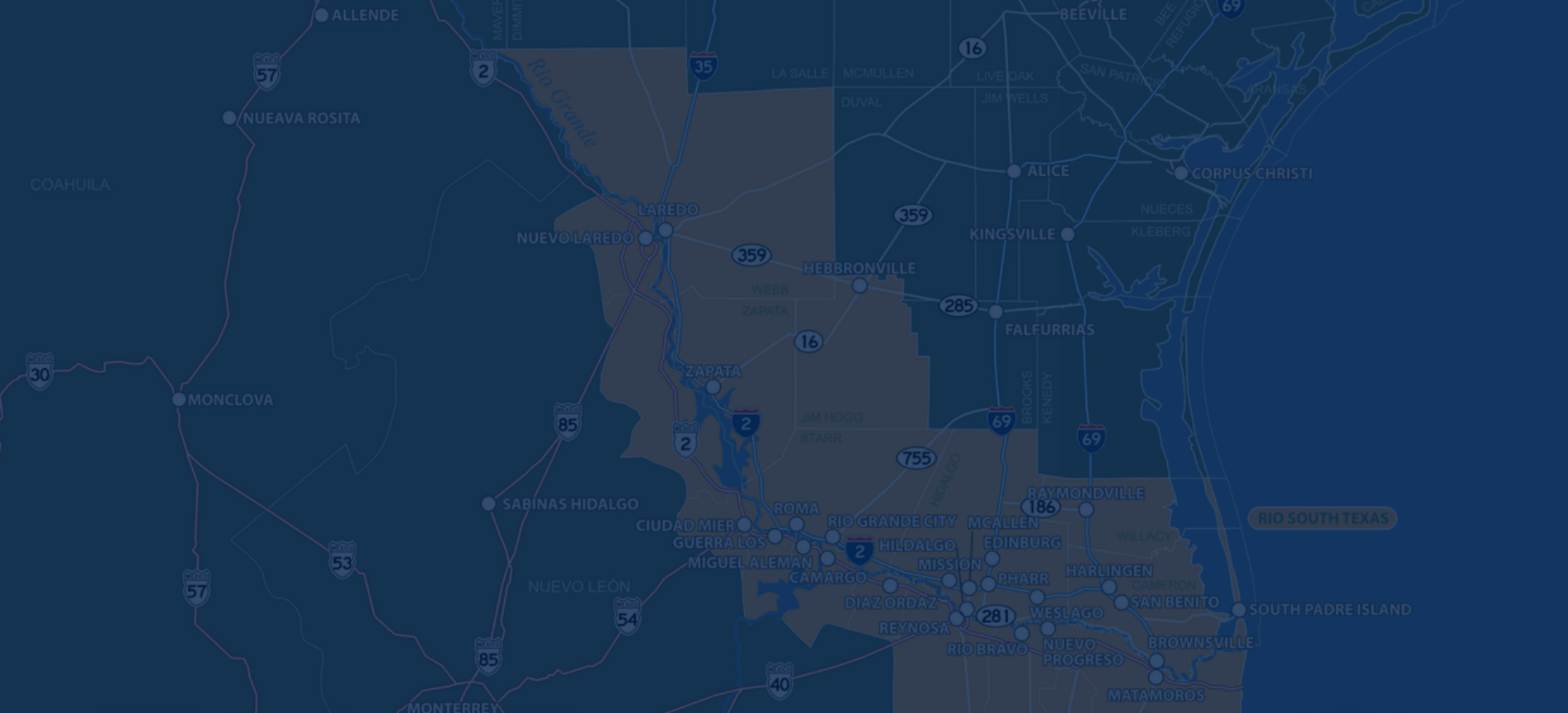
Building a High-Value Workforce

A Shared Regional Strategy



Where do we start?





The Future Will Belong to Organized Regions





Working Together to Reach Full Potential

Regional challenges require regional leadership.



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