

April 15, 2005



Thank you for your participation in Vision North Texas! You are an important member of the impressive group of regional leaders convened for this first major visioning event for the North Texas region. We appreciate your interest in the future of the Metroplex region and we look forward to your ideas about accommodating our region's growth in a successful and sustainable way.

As a reminder, Vision North Texas will be held on **Monday, April 25, 2005** at the **Hereford University Center on the campus of The University of Texas at Arlington, in Arlington**. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. The program will start at 8:15 a.m. and will wrap up at 3:30 p.m. There will be a reception (with cash bar) immediately following the event.

This package contains details about the event itself and background materials you will want to review prior to the event. Enclosed you will find:

- ✓ A map of the University of Texas at Arlington campus showing the building where the event will be held and the parking lots reserved for Vision North Texas. The University Center is shown in red. You can park in lot #40 or in the remote parking lots (which are served by a shuttle).
- ✓ A bound "**Participant's Workbook**" for the event. The workbook includes the event agenda and information about our speakers and sponsors. It provides an introduction to the exercise we'll be using during the morning session. Also, examples of various development intensities found in our region are included.
- ✓ The "**North Central Texas 2030 Demographic Forecast**" explains how the region's future growth is projected. The geographic distribution of growth described here is based on current trends and public policies. Our discussions will not change the total amount of growth anticipated, but they may shape its distribution within the region.
- ✓ The brochure titled "**Center of Development Excellence**" contains a set of principles for our region's future growth that have been adopted by the North Central Texas Council of Government's Governing Board. These principles will be the starting point for your group's discussion about key ideas for successful and sustainable growth.
- ✓ "**SEE Safe Clean & Green**" provides information about key environmental resources in our region. You may want to consider these regional environmental corridors as you evaluate choices for the future geographic extent and form of our urban region.

Other background information is available at www.visionnorthtexas.org. Should you have questions or need other information about event registration and logistics, please contact Georgia Anthony at 817-695-9107. For questions about the event's activities or the content of these materials, please contact Karen Walz at 214-320-1154. See you soon!

Vision North Texas is a collaboration led by the Urban Land Institute's North Texas District Council, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the University of Texas at Arlington.