

Brownsville and its surrounding area is a region that sees the true value of working in unison to promote a community that fosters education and training to improve our workforce and our community's business climate.

The Division of Economic Development and Community Services was created for the purpose of promoting the regional economic development through ongoing collaboration with governments, economic development agencies, non-profit organizations, NGOs and private businesses in five key areas:

1. Creating strategic partnerships between university research and commercial ventures
2. Developing local workforce skills to meet the rapidly changing needs of business and industry
3. Promoting a culture and spirit of entrepreneurship to generate new, higher-wage jobs
4. Expanding the region's capacity as an international business center
5. Facilitating community access to university services and programs



The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College offer the Workforce Training and Continuing Education program (WTCE), which aims to be a full partner in the facilitation of the economic development of the international region it serves. WTCE provides special training and assistant programs that help companies train their employees to specific job needs.

The International Technology, Education and Commerce Center (ITEC) is the place that provides for many of these services, including those of The International Innovation Center's Business Incubator (IIC), which offers a starting or growing business the environment and support necessary to increase their chances of success.

The IIC Business Incubator has helped launch over 60 companies, with a success rate of 78 percent. Whether it is flexible and affordable lease space for your operations, collaboration in research & development, internships, training skills workshops, or professional guidance, the ITEC center welcomes you and is readily available to help you succeed.