



TEXAS BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

Committed to Preserving a Vibrant Economic Climate for Texas Business

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Texas Business Roundtable member organizations represent 500,000 businesses and 7,000,000 employees in Texas, making it the largest and most broad-based business organization in the state.



TEXAS BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

Alliance of Major Texas Business Associations

The Texas Business Roundtable is comprised of the chief executives and government affairs staff of Texas professional, business, and trade associations. The Texas Business Roundtable will assist the state's leading business associations in their commitment to preserving a strong economic climate for Texas business.

The role of the Roundtable is to foster mutual understanding and collaboration between the business community and the legislature on policy questions of vital importance to all Texans. The group accomplishes this, in part, by providing a forum in which the business community and state leaders can meet and discuss issues of common concern. Roundtable member associations collectively represent hundreds of thousands of Texas businesses and their employees, and a united business community will produce a more vibrant and prosperous Texas economy.

TBR members meet for breakfast each week during the legislative session and host members of the Texas Senate, Texas House of Representatives, and other state leaders for discussions of legislative issues and activity. During campaign season, the group meets with candidates for the legislature and other elective positions in Texas government. The organization does not have a political action committee and does not make contributions.

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Our Guiding Principles

The associations that comprise the membership of the Texas Business Roundtable are drawn together by a vision for a prosperous Texas. We believe that all Texans should be able to contribute their fullest potential to the economy and enjoy the rewards of their labors. Texans should have access to a quality of life that is second to none – a good home, a good job, affordable health care, and access to retail & recreational opportunities.

For that vision to become a reality, the Texas economy must provide a solid foundation for large and small business expansion and capital investment. Texas businesses should be able to compete and contribute efficiently to provide the necessary goods and services and jobs that Texans need. Government should work in harmony with business to provide and maintain a stable economy that can continue to grow.

The Texas Business Roundtable Believes in the Following Principles:

1. Government should provide only those necessary public services which the private sector cannot efficiently offer, and should provide them at the lowest possible cost.
2. Texas must have quality infrastructure – water, transportation, and energy – available for both individual Texans and businesses.
3. Our system of public education must produce a skilled workforce that is able to participate in and contribute to a modern economy.
4. Texas' regulatory policies must be rational, ensuring that the public is protected without placing undue constraints on the economy.
5. Taxes should be low, fair, reasonable, predictable and understandable, and should be administered efficiently to minimize compliance costs.
6. Texas' judicial policies must be reasoned and balanced.
7. Government should pursue pro-growth, non-restrictive economic policies.

We support these principles so that the members our associations represent can contribute fully to the economy, creating jobs and wealth to benefit all Texans.



TEXAS BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

2019 Member Organizations

The Texas Business Roundtable is a coalition of Texas' major business trade associations, with participation from organizations representing a wide variety of industries and professions.

- ACEC of Texas
- AGC – Texas Building Branch
- AGC – Highways & Heavy Utilities
- Association of Electric Companies of Texas
- Independent Insurance Agents of Texas
- Texans for Lawsuit Reform
- Texas Apartment Association
- Texas Association of Builders
- Texas Association of Manufacturers
- Texas Association of Realtors
- Texas Bankers Association
- Texas Cable Association
- Texas Chemical Council
- Texas Civil Justice League
- Texas Dental Association
- Texas Food and Fuel Association
- Texas Hospital Association
- Texas Medical Association
- Texas Oil & Gas Association
- Texas Package Stores Association
- Texas Pharmacy Association
- Texas Pipeline Association
- Texas Restaurant Association
- Texas Retailers Association
- Texas Society of Architects
- Texas Taxpayers and Research Association
- Texas Trucking Association
- Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas



American Council of Engineering
Companies of Texas

Designing the Future of Texas

ACEC Texas is the business association of Texas engineering firms. The organization is committed to advancing the private practice of consulting engineering, enhancing markets for private engineering services, educating the public on the importance of infrastructure investment, and promoting sound business practices within the industry and its client base.

We are committed to aggressive involvement in legislative and public sector decision-making, with a focus on protection of qualifications-based selection of engineering services, transportation and water resources investment, expanded project delivery options, and appropriate legal and liability systems affecting the industry.

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The AGC - Texas Building Branch has ten local AGC Chapters in Texas. The members of the AGC - Texas Building Branch Chapters are commercial construction contractors that build schools, churches, office buildings, commercial real estate development, etc. AGC members have built over 70% of the commercial construction projects in Texas.

The AGC - Texas Building Branch Office is the government affairs office for the ten AGC Building Chapters. Corbin Van Arsdale is the President and General Counsel. Wade Long is a contract lobbyist.

The AGC - Texas Building Branch Chapters have over 300 general contractor and 3,000 associate/subcontractor/supplier members.

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AGC of Texas - Highways & Heavy Utilities Branch

The AGC of Texas – Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch is comprised of nearly 900 contractor and allied industry member firms across the state. We are an independent chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America which represents more than 32,000 construction industry member firms nationwide.

The Texas Highway and Heavy Branch was originally founded in 1924, making it one of the oldest trade associations in the country. In 1984, a merger with the Texas Heavy, Municipal and Utilities Branch united Texas contractors into one of the largest, strongest, and most progressive chapters in the industry. The chapter also holds the charter in Texas for the American Road & Transportation Association (ARTBA). AGC of Texas is the primary voice for contractors engaged in water and transportation infrastructure development including but not limited to roads, highways, bridges, dams, airports, and water and sewer treatment facilities.

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The Association of Electric Companies of Texas, Inc. (AECT) is a trade organization of electric companies in Texas. Organized in 1978, AECT provides a forum for member company representatives to exchange information about public policy, and to communicate with government officials and the public.

AECT is an advocacy group composed of member companies committed to:

- Ensuring a modern, reliable infrastructure for the supply & delivery of electricity
- Supporting efficient competitive markets that are fair to customers and market participants
- Supporting consistent and predictable oversight and regulation that will promote investment and ensure the stability of Texas' electric industry
- Promoting an economically strong and environmentally healthy future for Texas, including conservation and efficient use of available resources

AECT member companies remain dedicated to providing Texas customers with safe, reliable, affordable electricity and are committed to the highest standards of integrity.

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The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) is made up of 1500+ member agencies that provide property and casualty and life and health insurance products to their customers. IIAT members are not employees of any one insurer, but have a contractual relationship with the insurance companies that they represent.

IIAT was founded in 1897 and represents over 15,000 insurance professionals around the state. We currently have fifteen (15) local association members located in the larger cities in Texas and all IIAT members are a part of our national organization, the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (IIABA) located in Washington DC.

At IIAT our core principals are Service Excellence, Integrity, Continuous Improvement, Responsiveness and Respect. These, along with our mission statement of Helping Members Succeed, have served us well in being the voice for independent insurance agents in Texas.

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Texans for Lawsuit Reform

TLR's objective is to restore litigation to its traditional and appropriate role in our society. A lawsuit takes a heavy emotional and financial toll on participants, and therefore should be the remedy of last resort to resolve disputes between parties. A lawsuit should not be used to win lottery-type riches for a lawyer and his client.

We are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents from all across Texas. We are small business owners, homemakers, and community volunteers. We are lawyers who want our profession back, and plant managers who want our companies to expand facilities to create jobs for Texans. We are consumers who want to eliminate the wasteful "tort tax" from the products and services produced in Texas. We are ranchers and teachers who have anguished over needless lawsuits. We are doctors and nurses who have seen our colleagues abandon their chosen professions because of the emotional and financial toll imposed by legal assaults. We are the citizens of Texas who want a better future for ourselves and our children. We're the faces of Texas...more than 18,000 individual supporters in 857 towns and cities, representing 1,266 different trades, businesses and professions.

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Since 1963, the Texas Apartment Association (TAA) has unified the state's residential rental housing industry to advocate fair legislation and high professional standards.

TAA members are rental housing owners, builders, developers, property management firms and companies that supply products or services to rental properties. We have more than 11,000 members and represent more than 2 million units throughout the state.

TAA members:

- provide housing for more than 4.6 million Texans;
- employ an estimated 75,000 full-time employees;
- represent property with a market value of more than \$150 billion;
- pay property taxes exceeding \$3 billion.

TAA is affiliated with the National Apartment Association and 25 local associations.

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The Texas Association of Builders (TAB) is dedicated to creating a positive business environment for the housing industry by addressing the housing issues of the people of Texas. TAB advocates on behalf of the issues affecting our homebuilder, remodeler, developer and associate members throughout the state. This continued advocacy is important so policy makers continue to recognize the impact of their decisions upon the Texas housing industry and the lasting ramifications on existing and future Texas home buyers and homeowners.

Founded in 1946, TAB is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders and our 28 local home builders associations in Texas. TAB actively works to represent the interests of its nearly 10,000 members and their representative companies in local, state and federal matters involving all branches of government. Representing over 702,500 jobs and more than \$31 billion annually in the Texas economy, the state and local associations play a crucial role in providing housing for Texans. For more information about the Texas Association of Builders, visit **TEXASBUILDERS.ORG**

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Texas manufacturers contributed \$238 billion to the Texas economy in 2014 (14.5% share of the state's economy) and one-third of all corporate taxes collected by state and local governments. Manufactured goods account for 94.6 percent of all Texas exports and Texas has held the distinction as the #1 exporting state in the U.S. several consecutive years.

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

The Texas Association of REALTORS® is a professional membership organization that represents 110,000 REALTORS®.

We advocate on behalf of the real estate industry and private property owners with three specific goals: keeping homeownership affordable, protecting private-property rights, and promoting public policies that benefit owners, buyers, and sellers of real property.

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Texas Bankers Association

One Industry. One Vision. One Voice.

The Texas Bankers Association, the first and largest state banking association in the United States, inclusively represents all Texas banking institutions from the smallest to largest comprising approximately 95% of assets in the state.

The association advocates for its members in Austin and Washington; interactively trains more than 8,000 bankers annually; provides nationally-recognized community banking products and services; and invests in the future of Texas families through the financial literacy, scholarship and charitable activities of the Texas Bankers Foundation.

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The Texas Cable Association is the primary trade organization for cable operators in Texas. TCA is comprised of five-member companies, and a 17-member board of directors. TCA was founded in 1960 to represent the cable industry, which began as a way to bring television to homes in remote areas that were unable to receive conventional over-the-air broadcast signals.

Over the years, the cable industry has been a preeminent player in development of competition for video, high-speed Internet and telephone services in Texas. Today, TCA also serves as an education forum, providing Texans with information regarding the complicated issues affecting the communications landscape in the state. TCA is proud to provide its member companies with a single, unified voice on issues affecting the cable and telecommunications industry in Texas.

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TEXAS CHEMICAL COUNCIL

The Texas Chemical Council (TCC) represents 70 chemical manufacturers who own and operate approximately 200 manufacturing and research facilities across the state. Founded in 1953, TCC is the first state trade association representing the chemical industry in the U.S.

The chemical industry is Texas' original high tech industry and has been a major economic engine for the state for over 70 years. TCC members have invested more than \$150 billion in physical assets across the state; directly employs over 75,000 Texans; is responsible for over 400,000 indirect industry jobs, and pays over \$1 billion in state and local taxes. Chemical products are the state's #1 non-energy export with over \$45 billion in products exported globally.

The Texas chemical industry produces thousands of products that improve the quality of life for billions of people around the world. Through chemistry, our industry supplies products used to make automobiles, aircraft, pharmaceuticals, computers and other electronics; to build and furnish homes; and to grow food and fibers for clothing. Chemistry provides the raw materials for more than 70,000 products that help keep you safe, warm, cool, on-time, in motion, and connected. From heart monitors to bullet-proof vests, satellites to cell phones, televisions to sports equipment, chemistry makes the things that make our modern life possible. The innovations of chemistry are everywhere.

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More Jobs, Not Lawsuits

The Texas Civil Justice League is a coalition of trade and professional associations, companies and individuals committed to making Texas the best state to do business. League members employ hundreds of thousands of Texans in all sectors of the business community from Fortune 500 companies to small local businesses.

Since 1986, traditional tort liability questions have dominated the public policy agenda. Thanks to the tireless support of League members and allies, Texas is at the top of the list for states with economically rational civil justice systems, one of the key factors in attracting capital investment and creating new jobs. We are justifiably proud of these achievements, and we will continue to safeguard them from retrogressive change in the future. As we look to the future, TCJL will work to assure that Texas maintains a strong and vibrant business climate through reasonable, efficient, and cost-effective regulatory and dispute resolution processes.

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The Voice of Dentistry in Texas

Chartered in 1871, the Texas Dental Association (TDA) is the third largest state dental association in the United States. The Association has more than 8,800 members and is comprised of 26 local component dental societies grouped into four divisions across the state of Texas. The TDA is part of a tripartite affiliation with the American Dental Association at the national level and community dental societies at the local level.

The TDA Board of Directors, the executive body of the Association, is comprised of 15 voting members and four non-voting members. The executive director and the legal counsel also attend all Board meetings. The House of Delegates, the legislative body of the Association, is composed of 121 delegates representing the TDA's 26 component dental societies, members of the Board of Directors, the speaker of the house, and one student delegate from each of the three Texas dental schools.

The Association's councils and committees serve as policy recommending agencies. Each of these is assigned to study issues relating to its special area of interest and make recommendations on these matters to the Board of Directors. Actions of the Board of Directors are either ratified or amended annually by the House of Delegates. The Association's official publication is the monthly Texas Dental Journal. Published since 1883, it is the oldest continuously operating dental periodical in the Americas. The Association also publishes the TDA Today member newsletter and Smart Mouth, a patient publication, and maintains a website, TDA.org

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TEXAS FOOD & FUEL — ASSOCIATION —

The Texas Food & Fuel Association represents the wholesale and retail segments of the fuel marketing, convenience and food industries in Texas. Chartered in 1949, the association's membership includes a range of retail and wholesale businesses.

Retail formats operated by our members include convenience stores, grocery stores and truck stops. Wholesale fuel distribution activities include the sale and transportation of gasoline, diesel fuel and lubricants as well as the operation of bulk storage facilities, unattended fueling locations and on-site fueling for customers' operations. Wholesale food distribution activities include the distribution of food, tobacco and many other products offered for sale by convenience stores, grocery stores and truck stops.

The association's member companies own, operate and supply in excess of 12,000 convenience stores encompassing all areas of the state. Our members distribute approximately 7 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each year for a variety of uses including vehicle transportation, aviation, marine, manufacturing, agriculture and construction.

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Texas Hospital Association

The Texas Hospital Association represents over 450 hospitals across Texas and more than 365,000 hospital employees. Founded in 1930, THA is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state's hospitals and health care systems. THA is based in Austin and is the only association that represents the entire hospital industry in Texas.

THA's mission is to enhance its members' abilities to improve the accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Texans. One of the largest hospitals associations in the nation, THA represents more than 85 percent of the state's acute-care hospitals. Learn more at THA at **THA.ORG** or follow THA on Twitter at **<http://twitter.com/texashospitals>**

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Physicians Caring for Texans

The Texas Medical Association, the nation's largest and one of the oldest and most powerful state medical societies, speaks out for nearly 46,000 physician and medical student members across the state in our commitment to improve the health of all Texans. In partnership with our 120 county medical societies, we have been helping Texas physicians set high professional and ethical standards since 1853.

TMA monitors state and national laws to ensure that physicians can practice their craft with a minimum amount of interference. We help doctors set up offices and file claims for payment. TMA is the physicians' partner in health education through programs like Be-Wise Immunize and the Physicians Oncology Education Program (POEP). TMA offers continuing medical education programs, has its own physicians' insurance, and publishes both a bi-monthly newsletter (Action) and a monthly health care magazine (Texas Medicine). Our website site keeps membership informed of the latest medical news and special programs offered by TMA.

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TEXAS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION | SINCE 1919

The Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA), founded in 1919, is the oldest and largest organization in the state serving all segments of the oil and natural gas industry. TXOGA members are the backbone of the Texas economy, directly employing close to 400,000 and paying billions in state and local taxes and state royalties. In fact, the oil and natural gas industry pays seven times more in taxes and royalties per job than other private sector industries.

Thanks to the fracking technology pioneered here in the Lone Star State, Texas is the number one oil and natural gas producer in the nation and the U.S. is importing less oil than we have in decades. Protecting the environment and responsible oil and natural gas development are vitally important to TXOGA members and we are proud of the positive impact we have not just in Texas but in our nation and world.

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TPSA - Representing the Liquor Store Industry Since 1947!

The Texas Package Stores Association was organized to protect the interests of package store owners in the State of Texas. The TPSA continually strives to unite all package store owners so we may be stronger in legislative battles and member benefits.

Our members range from single store operators to the largest chains in Texas and enjoy group benefit opportunities that ultimately lower costs to their customers. The TPSA provides a voice in Austin to help prevent the passage of legislation and taxes that would be harmful to the industry. Our members operate one of the most highly regulated businesses in America. The very livelihood of every package store operator is dependent upon governmental rules and regulations. Unfavorable laws and unfair taxes can easily work to put our members out of business.

Working together we hope to improve the business climate for our industry in Texas. If we, as package store owners, are not organized to accomplish these goals, we can be certain that business conditions will only grow worse.

TPSA is the vehicle for package store permittees to work together to create on-going operating benefits, as well as maintain and preserve a favorable business climate in the state of Texas.

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Together Pharmacy Advances

Founded in 1879, the Texas Pharmacy Association (TPA) is the leading advocate for pharmacy professionals in Texas, representing more than 31,000 pharmacists; 60,000 pharmacy technicians and 3,000 pharmacy students. The organization is an effective and strong voice for Texas pharmacy professionals in advocacy, continuing education, and practice innovation by empowering today's pharmacists as effective and relevant health care providers.

As the preeminent pharmacy association in Texas, TPA is the only leadership organization whose members comprise all practice settings including community, hospitals, long-term care facilities, academia, manufacturing and distribution. It is an agile and innovative association that provides the critical resources to enhance and evolve the role of pharmacy in delivering health care solutions and improving patient outcomes. TPA works to unify and strengthen the voice of pharmacy to protect the profession and to advance the practice for all.

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Texas Pipeline ASSOCIATION

Since 1983, the Texas Pipeline Association (TPA) has been dedicated to promoting the safest and most efficient mode of transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids.

The pipeline industry is an essential part of the dynamic Texas energy economy. Our 48 member companies are involved in gathering, processing, treating and transporting natural gas and hazardous liquids throughout Texas. They bring jobs and economic success to our state while ensuring a safe and consistent supply of natural gas for Texas and the nation.

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The Texas Restaurant Association is one of the largest associations in Texas with over 5,000 members. We have offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. The Association represents the state's \$42 billion food service industry which employs over 1,000,000 people.

Since 1937, the Texas Restaurant Association has served, educated and supported the restaurant industry in Texas. We ensure our members and their employees have the resources to succeed and grow. Through our educational foundation we help support over 265 Texas high schools as they teach culinary and restaurant programs to over 24,000 students throughout the state.

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Texas has approximately 320,000 retail establishments employing more than 2.5 million Texans. Many of these independent proprietors and large multinational corporations comprise the membership of the Texas Retailers Association (TRA). Department stores, specialty shops, drugstores, grocery stores, discount stores, hardware stores, jewelry shops—are all members of the Texas Retailers Association, the Voice of Texas Retail.

In addition to representing retailer interests before the Texas Legislature and regulatory agencies, TRA provides a diverse array of benefit programs to support their members' bottom line. Additionally, the Texas Retailers Education Foundation (TREF) has developed college level retail management curricula and provides scholarships and support to ensure a qualified retail workforce for an ever-changing retail marketplace. Learn more by visiting **TXRETAILERS.ORG**

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Design Matters!

Where we live and work affects how we live, not just how well.

Good design --

- Conserves water and energy
- Improves productivity
- Helps patients heal faster
- Improves student learning

Architects design communities that keep our state economically strong and vibrant, and keep Texans safe, secure, and healthy. Good design can be quantified through improved property values, or lower maintenance and operating costs — but its greatest value is creating the fabric and inspiration that embody the culture and unique character of each community.

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Working for Fiscal Responsibility in State Government

The Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership supported organization of businesses and individuals interested in the state and local fiscal policies in Texas and the way those policies impact our economy. Our membership is composed primarily of businesses and trade associations that represent businesses and professions. They include the entire range of economic sectors and activities in Texas and share a common belief that all participants in our state's economic life have a stake in determining its future.

TTARA members operate in every part of Texas; they employ and provide incomes to thousands of Texans; they produce or provide every type of good or service Texans consume; and, they provide a huge portion of the revenue that supports public services at every level of government.

TTARA's exclusive focus is the nexus between public fiscal policy and private business activity. We provide our members with current information and high quality analysis of developing tax and spending issues. We provide educational services to our members and opportunities for them to network and meet with public policy makers. And we advocate changes in public policies where they are necessary to improve the state's fiscal practices and business climate.

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The Unified Voice of Texas Trucking

Texas Trucking Association (TXTA), the unified voice of Texas trucking, is the largest trade organization representing the trucking industry in the state. Through public education and industry training, Texas trucking continues to succeed in improving safety for all highway travelers. TXTA is dedicated to advocating sound public policies and promotes a dependable and cost effective motor transportation system serving Texans and the Texas economy. Trucking employs one of out every 16 workers in the state and more than 82% of Texas communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

The association is located in Austin near the Texas State Capitol. In addition, TXTA has local chapters and safety councils throughout Texas that meet on a regular basis to discuss key trucking issues at the state and local level.

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The Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas (WBBDT), founded in 1939, is a statewide trade association that represents family owned licensed beer distributorships across the state of Texas. WBBDT maintains a strong focus on advocacy, consumer protection, product integrity, alcohol awareness and an immense amount of product choice all through a state based regulatory system.

WBBDT members and their roughly 13,000 employees are involved in a wide variety of charitable, civic, religious, economic development and community building activities.

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