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Local professionals attend Advanced CDI Texas

Houston (March 6, 2026) – **Kelly Violette, Tiffani Wooten, and Tori Gleason** joined economic and community development professionals from across the nation for Advanced CDI Texas, held March 4-5 at Lone Star College-System Office The Woodlands.

The two-day advanced training program is designed for professionals who have completed all three years of Community Development Institute (CDI) training as well as practitioners actively working in the field who are interested in staying current on emerging trends and best practices in community and economic development.

This year's program featured Tools for Tomorrow – Building Resilient, Innovative and Collaborative Communities, facilitated by the Texas Downtown team. The session focused on practical strategies to help communities strengthen partnerships, foster innovation, and build long-term resilience in a rapidly changing economic landscape.

Advanced CDI Texas provides an opportunity for experienced community development professionals to continue building their knowledge while engaging with peers from across the country. The program emphasizes practical tools, collaborative problem-solving, and innovative approaches that participants can apply in their own communities.

Participants included community officials, volunteers, and professionals working with city, state, and county governments, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, utility companies, and nonprofit organizations.

Lone Star College, Entergy Texas, Inc., and the Community Development Council are supporting organizations of CDI Texas.

Lone Star College System enrolls over 90,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSCS is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Mario K. Castillo, J.D., serves as Chancellor of LSCS, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2024 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education. LSCS consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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Cutline: The Texas Community Development Institute conducted a two-day training for economic and community development representatives from across the nation. Pictured are participants who completed the 2026 training.