KEY INDUSTRY IN THE TEXAS INNOVATION CORRIDOR

# Information Technology



Information Technology has driven innovation with global growth in software, hardware, Internet applications, data processing services, and computer security and cybersecurity solutions.

The Texas Innovation Corridor is reaping the benefits of its adjacent location to two major urban markets in Austin and San Antonio that feature very concentrated IT talent levels, which can support firms considering a new location or an expansion in the region. With lower costs, less congestion, and more affordable land than Austin and San Antonio, Hays and Caldwell Counties offer a compelling alternative for IT firms.

## 185 COMPANIES

In Hays & Caldwell Counties

# 1,900 TX ST STUDENTS

In the Talent Pipeline

## 71,000 EMPLOYED

Within 1 Hour Drive

#### TALENT/WORKFORCE

Approximately 71,000 are employed in related information technology jobs within a one-hour drive of the region.

#### **WORKFORCE PIPELINE**

Austin Community College's Hays County Campus offers associate's and bachelor's programs in several relevant fields. Texas State offers several related bachelor's and graduate degrees to the industry and consistently has approximately 1,900 students



#### **KEY COMPANIES**

**Best Buy e-Commerce** 

**Grande Communications** 

**OneSupport** 

tekRESCUE, Inc.

participating in their programs each year. There are 18 public and private, non-profit colleges and universities that grant four-year and/or graduate degrees and three public two-year colleges within a one-hour drive of the City of San Marcos, where students can receive training in an array of related fields.

#### **DEVELOPMENT READY LAND**

There is ample developable land in the region appropriately zoned for commercial and office uses, including sites for data centers and network banks. Land and rental costs are also lower in Hays and Caldwell Counties than in the Austin and San Antonio regions.

#### **FIBER & BROADBAND**

The region has access to 16 broadband providers. Approximately 95% of Hays County and 76% of Caldwell County have access to speeds of 100 mbps.

