

Gleason Earns PCED Certification



TEDC Economic Development Coordinator, Tori Gleason, passed the Professional Community and Economic Developer certification exam on November 12. Gleason trained for the exam by participating in Community Development Institute (CDI) Texas and was eligible after completing all three years of CDI training.

The Professional Community and Economic Developer exam measures the understanding of community development content and the ability to apply appropriate methods and tools to specific community situations. The certification qualifies Gleason to use the professionally accredited letters “PCED” behind her name. Gleason joins Executive Director, Kelly Violette, as a Professional Community and Economic Developer.

The PCED exam content is based on the Community Development Handbook, which provides comprehensive, current, and applicable information for community development practitioners. The exam includes questions to measure both the understanding of content and the ability to apply the appropriate methods and tools to specific community situations.

PCED re-certification is required every three years. A minimum of eight points earned after the date of applicant's most recent certification and within the past three years are required for re-certification. Re-certification points can be achieved through professional education, contributions to the profession, service, and participation in community development meetings and programs.

The team’s commitment to professional growth continues to positively impact economic development in Tomball, as new skills and techniques are used to help recruit and retain businesses. Completion of CDI Texas and PCED certification ensures that Gleason will effectively meet the needs of existing and prospective businesses in Tomball.