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Dennis Clayton to retire as director of economic development

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas – The City of Weatherford announced that Dennis Clayton, Director of Economic Development, will retire effective Feb. 3.

Clayton has been the Director of the Weatherford Economic Development program for approximately 12 years. He worked full time in economic development for nearly 18 years and was recruited to Weatherford to be the first Executive Director of the new City formed nonprofit Weatherford Economic Development Authority, Inc. in 2004. In 2014, Clayton transitioned the program to the City of Weatherford Economic Development Department.

Clayton has been a very active member in many Weatherford community organizations including service and chair positions for the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Weatherford ISD Education Foundation Board, WISD District Education Improvement Committee, the United Way of Parker County Board and is a current member of Rotary Club. He has also served on the Weatherford Regional Medical Center board of trustees, Parker County Committee on Aging, Brazos Valley District Committee and the former Weatherford College Tech Prep Steering Committee.

“Weatherford is now home to Debbie and me,” said Clayton. “The wonderful people and friends, and the community make this a great place to live and work. It has been a great privilege to work with the economic development Board(s), the City and the community over these years, as a part of making Weatherford the community it is and is yet to be.”

Dennis is a Graduate of the Economic Development Institute (EDI) of the University of Oklahoma and is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Dennis has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Texas



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Tech University and is a registered architect in Texas. Dennis holds membership in the IEDC, TEDC, ICSC and TSA/AIA.

As a registered architect, Clayton has over 26 years of experience, including over 20 years as a corporate architect and owner. He was the Senior-Principal Architect and VP/Division Manager for design, project management and marketing for many clients/facilities and projects. Clients included U.S. government General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Defense (DOD)/Corp. of Engineers (COE) Military, public and university education, major hospital/health care, municipal/airport terminal, industrial parks and maintenance, commercial banking and office projects.

“For more than a decade Dennis has served the City of Weatherford and the community. He has provided invaluable knowledge that has helped new and existing businesses grow and develop,” said city manager Sharon Hayes. “He will be greatly missed and I thank him for his many years of service to the City of Weatherford.”

A farewell reception will be held for Clayton, Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., located at 1400 Texas Dr. in Weatherford.

Editor's note: A high-res image of Dennis Clayton is attached.

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More information on the City of Weatherford: www.weatherfordtx.gov

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Weatherford, Texas is a service oriented, yet still “small town” community that upgrades its infrastructure, celebrates and shares its rich history, and fosters quality economic growth – in a fiscally-responsible, even revenue-generating fashion.