



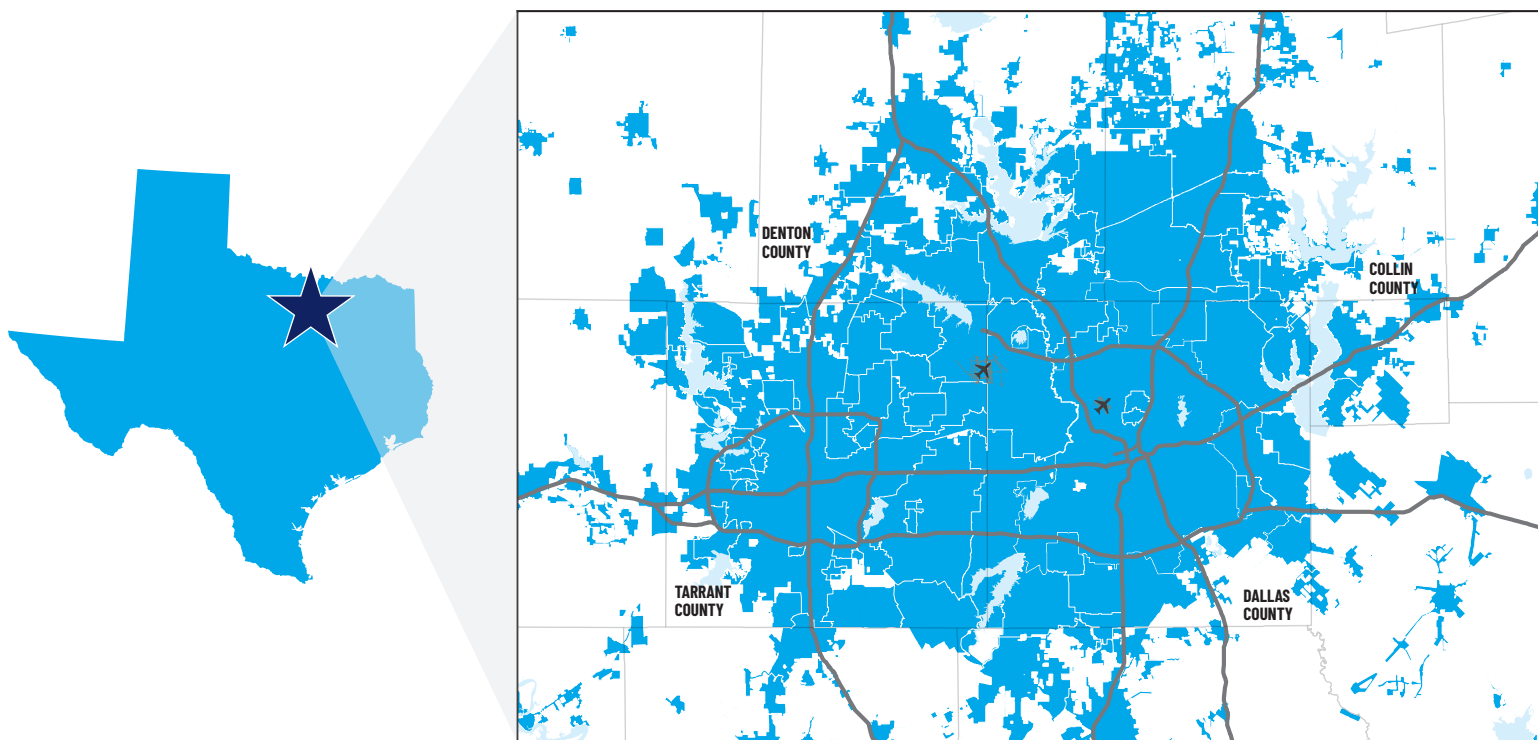
# North Texas Business Community

## Federal Policy Priorities

### WHO WE ARE

The Dallas Regional Chamber, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce and Plano Chamber of Commerce collectively represent more than 4,000 member companies across North Texas. As nonpartisan, member-driven organizations, we are united behind pro-growth, business-friendly federal policies that strengthen our region's position as a premier place to live, work and do business.

In all we advocate for, we ask Congress for the predictability and certainty that businesses need to plan, invest and grow.



### NORTH TEXAS AT A GLANCE

The Dallas-Fort Worth region is an economic force of national significance. What happens here shapes the U.S. economy.



21

Fortune  
500 HQs

44

Fortune  
1000 HQs



4.3 million  
jobs



30+%  
of Texas' gross  
state product



#1 in the nation  
for population  
growth this decade



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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Permitting Reform

Outdated federal permitting processes delay critical infrastructure—roads, transit, water systems, energy and broadband—driving up costs and stalling investment that businesses and communities depend on.

**Our position:** We support legislation that removes unnecessary regulatory barriers and streamlines federal environmental and permitting reviews. We applaud the House for advancing H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act and urge the Senate to advance meaningful, bipartisan permitting reform.

#### Transportation Funding

DFW's unmatched growth is straining aging infrastructure. Congestion, freight bottlenecks and underinvestment threaten the connectivity that drives our economy—and limits America's ability to compete.

**Our position:** As Congress develops the next Surface Transportation Reauthorization ahead of the September 2026 deadline, we urge lawmakers to prioritize fast-growing metropolitan regions and deliver the predictable, long-term investment that major economic centers require.

### EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

#### Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Reauthorization

WIOA is the backbone of America's workforce system—but it hasn't been reauthorized since 2014. An updated law is essential to address today's labor market realities and to unlock the full potential of federal investments like the CHIPS and Science Act.

**Our position:** We support bipartisan reauthorization of WIOA that gives states the flexibility to respond to modern workforce demands and close critical talent gaps.

#### Child Care Access

Child care isn't just a family issue—it's a workforce and economic competitiveness issue. Texas loses more than \$9 billion annually due to turnover, absenteeism and reduced tax revenue linked to child care challenges.

**Our position:** We urge full funding of the Child Care & Development Block Grant in the FY27 Labor-HHS appropriations bill, and continued support for employer child care incentives—including the enhanced Employer-Provided Childcare Tax Credit included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

#### Federal AI, Autonomous Vehicle & eVTOL Regulatory Framework

North Texas is a leading hub for AI adoption, autonomous systems, and emerging mobility technologies. American competitiveness in these sectors depends on policy that encourages innovation—not regulatory uncertainty that drives development elsewhere.

**Our position:** We support a clear, consistent national framework for AI, autonomous vehicles, and drone/eVTOL technologies—one that applies a flexible, risk-based approach, establishes appropriate safeguards and preserves U.S. global leadership in the technologies shaping tomorrow's economy.