

Metroplex Regional Goal Setting Convening

Program Details

In order to meet the goals of the [60X30TX Plan](#), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has launched a regional target approach. It aims to bring together institutions of higher education with local K-12, community leaders and business/industry stakeholders to increase educational attainment in all regions across the state that reflect each region's unique institutional, demographic, and labor market context.

As reported by the THECB in a February 22nd message to you, the THECB held kick-off webinars in each of the 10 higher education regions to present an overview of the regional approach. The next step is to convene key stakeholders in each region to identify strategies for reaching regional 60X30TX targets, and we have a tight timeline to complete this work.

What is the scope of the regional targets? (Excerpt from [Metroplex Regional Starter Kit](#).)

The THECB has used data on regional population, migration, enrollment, and completion patterns to identify three targets for each region:

- 1. A regional target for the 60x30 educated population goal*
- 2. A regional target for the completion goal*
- 3. A regional target for the target under the completion goal that aims for 65 percent of public high school graduates to enroll directly in higher education by 2030*

While all goals and targets of the strategic plan are critical for the future of Texas, the three mentioned areas are well suited to regional work.

What do regions need to do?

*The 10 higher education regions are asked to convene institutions and other key stakeholders to identify at least one powerful strategy for each of the three regional target areas. **Part of this process will include identifying numeric targets, by institution, for the completion goal in 2020, 2025, and 2030.***

*We ask each region to participate in a kickoff webinar, plan at least one additional convening in their region, and to submit the regional strategies and institutional completion targets to the THECB by **August 31, 2018.***

As the leader of your institution/organization, you are invited to participate in the initial convening and to assemble a team of committed colleagues (up to 5) to accompany you. We understand that each team may be configured differently. As you consider the composition of your team, please anticipate that issues of student success, enrollment, data management, and institutional research and effectiveness and strategic planning will be discussed among others.

The University of Texas at Arlington will host the initial regional convening on March 27, 2018 from (10:00 am to 12:00 - Noon). (UTA - [College Park Center](#)). Meeting details and parking directions are attached.

Remember our timeline is short. Our work is to identify regional strategies and institutional completion targets to the THECB must be completed by **August 31, 2018**; and your engagement will be crucial to our success. We look forward to seeing you and your team in Arlington on March 27th.

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