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2023 Access Texas Delegation

16 OCTOBER - 22 OCTOBER

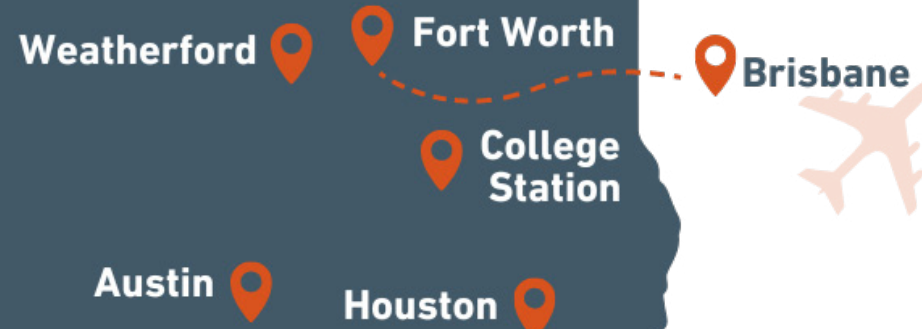
Following the success of our previous Access trips to China and New Zealand and through our US connections, TSBE is excited to embark on our third 'Access Delegation' to Texas in the United States.

This delegation promises to be a highly advantageous endeavour for businesses seeking to establish meaningful international connections, to explore bilateral opportunities, forge partnerships, explore the latest advancements and gain insights into the ever-evolving landscape of key US markets.



Greg Bowden
CEO
Toowoomba and Surat
Basin Enterprise

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Why Should I attend Access Texas 2023?

meet local business leaders and decision makers from the Agricultural and Energy industries including key Government representatives

To share learnings and access new intelligence on current market practices, innovation and technology opportunities

leverage the Australia-United States free trade agreement that enables duty free on most non-agricultural exports and the significant reduction in tariff lines for agricultural businesses

access opportunities within Australia and U.S. aligned economic priority areas

utilise the perks of two-way transfer of goods and services to benefit businesses under the Indo-Pacific strategies between Australia and the U.S.

Access New Zealand 2018 Delegate Testimonials

“ The Access New Zealand trip organised by TSBE was a valuable and unique networking opportunity. TSBE organised a jam-packed schedule including site visits, conference speakers, and endless networking opportunities with industry leaders. The entire event was well curated and professionally organised. ”

Anita Harch,
Quality Manager
Stahmann Webster

“ TSBE Access NZ was one of the best Business trips I have been fortunate to attend. The opportunity to network with likeminded business owners from multiple industries has been invaluable to PASTech. We use several of the businesses that were on the trip to assist with our everyday running of the company such as Axiom Insurance who know look after all our insurance needs.

Also, with the connections we made on the trip and the site tours arranged by TSBE we decided to enter a complete different industry than our normal Oil and Gas Engineering. PASTech Rural has been set up because of the Access NZ trip to enable us to provide communications and Automation solutions into the AG sector. If Access Texas is half as good as Access NZ it will be a trip to remember. ”

Steve French
Director, PASTech

Travel Itinerary

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DAY 1, MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

FORT WORTH

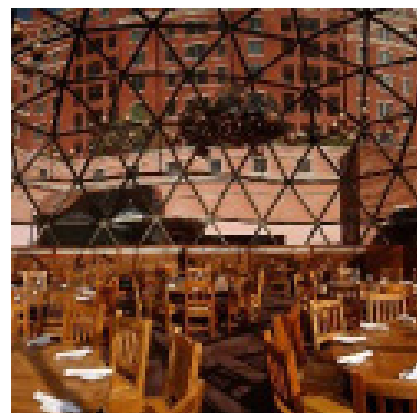
Join the TSBE team as we set off from Brisbane Airport arriving in Dallas - Fort Worth. The Access Texas delegation officially begins at Joe T. Garcias where delegates will get acquainted with one another, our U.S. tour hosts and selected US business representatives.

DAY 2, TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

FORT WORTH

Today our delegates will hit the ground running, with energy delegates visiting BNSF Railway, connecting 400 differing lines over the course of 170 years. Agricultural delegates will learn the practices behind sustainable food systems and how Cargill Meat Solutions connect farmers with markets, and customers with ingredients to empower the US agricultural industry.

Delegates will enjoy presentations from key industry speakers followed by a lavish lunch at Reata's dome overlooking the city of Fort Worth. After lunch, there will be another site tour before retiring to the hotel to prepare for an afternoon of business matching with a Welcome to Texas celebration at Longhorn Saloon with special guest Josh Weathers performing exclusively for our delegates to end the night.



DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

FORT WORTH - WEATHERFORD - COLLEGE STATION

Delegates will have an exclusive opportunity to connect directly with Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker over breakfast at one of Fort Worth's most diverse and innovative dining venues – Petroleum Club

After breakfast, delegates will travel to Weatherford where they will take part in tours of Micallef Cigars and Jamak rubber manufacturers, before a meet and greet with key business leaders and presentation on the US market.

Authentic Texan culture comes into play later in the day at 44 Farms Ranch in Cameron Texas, where delegates will take a tour of the ranch and enjoy a barbecue dinner before departing to College Station for the night.



DAY 4, THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

COLLEGE STATION - AUSTIN

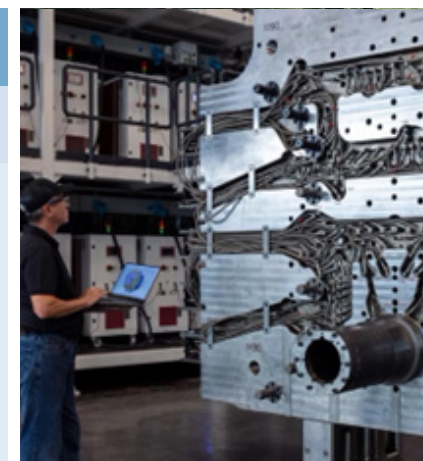
Today delegates will visit Texas A&M University to learn about the latest technology advancements and current research projects taking place within the energy and agriculture sphere. Next, delegates will travel to Austin with embark on an exclusive tour of the Senate, meeting new State Senator Phil King and the Governor's Economic Development team.



DAY 5, FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

AUSTIN

Delegates will visit Tesla's Gigafactory facility which is home to the manufacturing hub for Model Y and the future home of Cybertruck. This impressive facility covers 2,500 acres along the Colorado River with over 10 million square feet of factory floor. Various additional sites tours round out the day. Darling Downs Beef will be showcased in the evening, at a TSBE international event featuring key Australian and US beef producers and stakeholders.

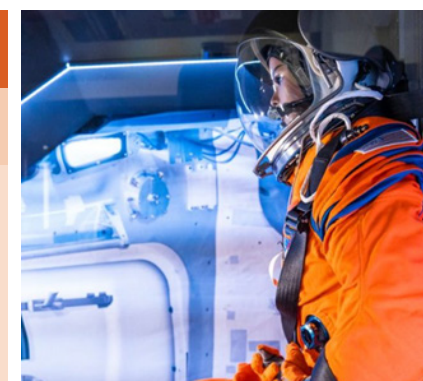


DAY 6, SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

AUSTIN - HOUSTON

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day as we travel to the city of Houston.

Delegates will have the opportunity to visit the NASA Space Center, ending the day with our farewell group dinner.

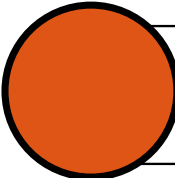


DAY 7, SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

HOUSTON

Today we say goodbye to The Lonestar State with the official closure of the Access Texas delegation.

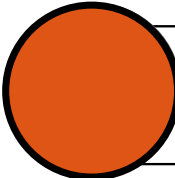
Packages and Inclusions



DELEGATE PACKAGE

- Seat on bus for the duration of the delegation (including site tours)
- Site tours providing backstage access to leading agricultural and energy businesses
- Access to an exclusive business matching session
- Lunch and Learn presentation with key business representatives about the US Market
- 1x ticket to the Darling Downs Beef Showcase event hosted by TSBE in Austin
- Lunch and dinners in all locations
- 1x breakfast with Mayor Mattie Parker, Fort Worth
- Live entertainment in Fort Worth
- Tour of Texas Capital
- Networking opportunities with a variety of well-known and innovative U.S. businesses
- Tour of Space Center Houston (optional)
- Gratuities/tips for included meals

Member Price	Non-Member Price
\$3,733 AUD	\$4,233 AUD

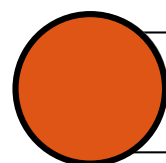


SPOUSE PACKAGE

- Seat on bus for the duration of the delegation (including site tours)
- Site tours providing backstage access to leading agricultural and energy businesses (optional)
- Access to an exclusive business matching session (optional)
- Lunch and Learn presentation with key business representatives about the US Market
- 1x ticket to the Darling Downs Beef Showcase event hosted by TSBE in Austin (optional)
- Lunch and dinners in all locations
- 1x breakfast with Mayor Mattie Parker, Fort Worth
- Live entertainment in Fort Worth
- Tour of Texas Capital
- Networking opportunities with a variety of well-known and innovative U.S. businesses (optional)
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**Spouse packages only available for spouses accompanying a full paying delegate*



PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Accommodation
- Hotel and airport transfers
- Travel requirements including insurance, ESTA applications etc
- Breakfast in each location (outside of the breakfast with Mayor Mattie Parker of Fort Worth)
- Beverages in each location
- Gratuities not outlined in the packages and inclusions
- Meals not outlined in the packages and inclusions

For more information and to book please contact
Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise at (e) hayley@tsbe.com.au

Travel checklist

- ☐ Organise flights and accommodation (refer to *Travel Resources* for options)
- ☐ Check passport validity (a valid passport is required to travel with more than six months validity)
- ☐ Complete ESTA prior to flight (refer to *Travel Resources* for link to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
- ☐ Organise travel insurance
- ☐ Notify banks of travel locations and dates
- ☐ Convert currency to USD and organise a travel card or equivalent
- ☐ Purchase universal or US specific adapters for laptop and phone charging
- ☐ Pre-book shuttles/transfers to and from the airport (refer to *Travel Resources* for options)

*Attendees will receive a **Delegates Program** with further itinerary and travel information provided.*

Travel Resources

Travel agency- Flights and accomodation

HelloWorld
Ashlee Dieckmann
Travel Agent
(07) 4613 6500
ashlee.toowoombacbd@helloworld.com.au

ESTA application

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
[Official ESTA Application Website, U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(dhs.gov\)](https://esta.dhs.gov/)

Please ensure your passport number is shown correctly on the ESTA application.

Shuttle/transfer options

From Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)

<https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/dallas-dfw-dal/>
<https://gowithus.com/airports/dallas-fort-worth-airport-dfw/>

From hotel to Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

<https://gowithus.com/airports/houston-airport-iah/>
<https://www.transfeero.com/en/city-to-city-rides/>

Resort Fee

A resort fee is an additional charge on top of accommodation charges. The fee is usually charged by larger hotel chains and is for the upkeep of the resort and its amenities.

Resort fees are usually charged on a per room basis during check in at the hotel and can range anywhere from \$10 up to around \$50. It will be important to allow for this charge when budgeting for the delegation.

TSBE Accommodation

The meeting point for each day of the delegation will be in the hotel TSBE staff are staying.

TSBE has held 40 rooms in Austin due to the busy period the city experiences at this time of the year due to the Grand Prix and local community events. You can also request to stay in the same hotels as TSBE staff.


Should you wish to seek alternative accommodation options in Austin, you are welcome to do so, but note that accommodation is highly priced and is in high demand.

To take advantage of secured accommodation options, contact Ashlee Dieckmann from HelloWorld.

HelloWorld will be accepting bookings from our delegates until 30 August, 2023.

Fort Worth	Courtyard by Marriott Fort Worth Historic Stockyards
Check in: October 16	3-star hotel located in the Stockyards suburb of Fort Worth. Courtyard by Marriott Fort Worth Historic Stockyards is a 25-minute drive of Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.
Check out: October 18	
	ADDRESS 2537 N Main Street Fort Worth, TX 76164 WEBSITE http://Courtyard by Marriott Fort Worth Historic
	Hotels close to the Courtyard Marriott Fort Worth Historic Stockyards Hyatt Place Fort Worth Historic Stockyards: SpringHill Suites by Marriott Fort Worth Historic Stockyards: Hotel Dover, Autograph Collection:

College Station	The George
Check in: October 18	4-star hotel located near Century Square and a short drive to Texas A&M University Campus.
Check out: October 19	
	ADDRESS 180 Century Court College Station, Texas 77840 WEBSITE https://www.thegeorgetexas.com/
	Hotels close to The George Home2 Suites by Hilton College Station: Embassy Suites by Hilton College Station: Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center: Ramada by Wyndham College Station:

Austin	Embassy Suites Austin Central
Check In: October 19	3-star hotel and is a short drive to Texas Capitol and other delegation activities.
Check out: October 21	
	ADDRESS 5901 North IH-35 Austin, Texas 78723 WEBSITE https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/auscles-embassy-suites-austin-central/
	Hotels close to Embassy Suites Austin Central Radisson Hotel Austin North: Courtyard by Marriott Austin-University Area: Best Western Plus Austin Central:

Houston	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites by The Galleria
Check in: October 21	3-star hotel located in The Galleria suburb of Houston, close to restaurants, bars and shopping. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels & Suites by The Galleria is a 30 minute drive from George Bush International airport and 20 minutes from William P. Hobby airport.
Check out: October 22	
	ADDRESS 5353 Westheimer Road Houston, Texas 77056-5474 WEBSITE https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/housydt-doubletree-hotel-and-suites-houston-by-the-galleria
	Hotels close to DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels & Suites by The Galleria Aloft Houston by the Galleria: Hyatt Place Houston/Galleria: Courtyard by Marriott Houston by The Galleria: Sonesta ES Suites Houston Galleria: Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Galleria Area:

U.S. Delegation Hosts



Jim Eggleston
Attorney at Eggleston
King Davis, LLP

Jim Eggleston is the founding partner of Eggleston King Davis, LLP, a 15-person business, real estate, and complex business litigation firm based in Weatherford, Texas with additional offices in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, and Sacramento and Los Angeles, California. Jim specializes in commercial and farm/ranch real estate matters and complex business transactions.

He represents investors in real estate developments, parties acquiring Texas ranches, international companies coming to Texas, and high net worth individuals who utilize his asset protection and transactional expertise to build companies and pursue strategic investments in a variety of industries.

He has served in leadership roles in the State Bar of Texas and is often published in real estate legal journals in Texas. Jim and his wife, Sarah, operate a small cattle ranch west of Weatherford and he and his son, Jack, are active developers and promoters of the revitalization of Downtown Weatherford.



Lyndsie Montgomery
Director of Downtown
Weatherford Inc

Lyndsie Montgomery is an inspiring leader in the Weatherford community! As the Executive Director of Downtown Weatherford Inc., Lyndsie is passionate about supporting businesses and creating a vibrant downtown atmosphere. Her remarkable leadership helped to revamp the area after the challenges of COVID-19. Prior to her current role, Lyndsie served as Director of Development for Center of Hope, where she spearheaded a successful rebranding campaign and closed a monumental \$5 million fundraising effort over five years.

With a track record of impressive achievements, Lyndsie is a visionary and a powerhouse who gets things done! As an experiential event planner for over two decades, she prides herself in creating monumental experiences with an eye for detail and a heart for service and hospitality. This Parker County native is also an accomplished entrepreneur, having built multiple successful businesses with her husband Daniel Montgomery. Together, they have been happily married for 18 years and have two beautiful boys. If you're looking for inspiration and leadership, Lyndsie Montgomery is the name to know in Weatherford!

Terms and Conditions

IMPORTANT NOTES: Please read the booking conditions below. You cannot make a booking unless you agree to these terms and conditions. These terms and conditions apply to a booking you make with Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise Pty Ltd ACN 155 004 523 (TSBE) for the Tour. You can make a booking in writing, verbally or by paying an amount towards a booking. You cannot accept these terms and conditions in part, nor can you amend them without TSBE's prior written consent. We will rely on the authority of the person making the booking to act on behalf of any other traveller in that booking and that person will bind all such travellers to these terms and conditions.

MINIMUM NUMBERS: The Tour is subject to and conditional on a minimum number of full paying passengers booking and **paying their booking fees in full by August 31** as stated by TSBE. If the required numbers are not reached by that date, the Tour may be cancelled, postponed, changed and prices are subject to change.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT: Please book your spot on the Tour as early as possible. To secure your spot on the Tour, you must pay the full fees within 7 days after TSBE invoices you. Please note if you fail to pay the invoiced amount within 7 days of the invoice date, TSBE reserves the right to, and may, reject your booking and resell your spot to someone else. It is the responsibility of the delegate making the booking to ensure that the information provided in the booking is true and correct at the time of booking and the delegate warrants to TSBE it is authorised to make the booking.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS / VISAS: According to the [smarttraveller.gov.au](https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au), the US has strict entry requirements for both tourists and transit passengers. US authorities will not allow you to enter the country if you do not comply. If you are visiting the US for less than 90 days, you may be eligible to apply for an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) and then enter under the Visa Waiver Program, if you satisfy the applicable conditions. Otherwise, you will need to get a visa before you travel. Visa and other entry and exit conditions can change at short notice, including currency, customs and quarantine rules. Please check your eligibility on [smarttraveller.gov.au](https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au) and contact an embassy or consulate of the United States for the latest details that are specific to you. If you plan on travelling to another country, please check visa and entry requirements for each other country.

USA ESTA: Delegates are obliged to comply with US entry and transit requirements and will be required to complete an official ESTA application prior to delegation, online through the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website. You must show a copy of your ESTA and supporting documents to the relevant US officials when travelling to the U.S.

PASSPORTS: Delegates will require a current passport with 6 months validity beyond the date of return. Passport renewals can be done online through the Australian Passport Office and passport identification photos can be taken at selected Australia Post locations. You are responsible for ensuring your passport is valid for the Tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is highly recommended for this Tour. You are responsible for your own travel insurance. Travel insurance assistance is available through local travel agencies such as Hello World and Flight Centre, insurance brokers or through participating banks and independent insurance providers. TSBE is not liable for delegates who do not take out or maintain appropriate travel insurance.

CANCELLATIONS: If you wish to cancel your booking, you must email TSBE. If you cancel your booking at least 60 days before the departure date, you will forfeit 50% of payment you have made for the booking. If you cancel within 30 days of the departure date, you will not be entitled to any refund. Please contact TSBE if you wish to change the identity of a passenger on the Tour.

UNUSED SERVICES: To the extent it is within TSBE's control, TSBE intends to follow the itinerary it releases, however sometimes due to circumstances outside our control, or in the best interests of the group, the itinerary may change. No refunds will be given for any unused portions of the tour in respect of site tours, meals, beef showcase event, business matching, networking opportunities and sightseeing tours or any other services included in the package and inclusions price but not utilised by the tour member.

ITINERARY: The information set out in the itinerary will be compiled with care and will be published in good faith. Variations to the itinerary and/or package and inclusions price may occur. The itinerary always remains the property of TSBE, and is subject to change, with or without notice. Its unauthorised use, in whole or in part, is an infringement of copyright, and actionable by law.

EXPECTATIONS: Each participant on the Tour is expected to comply with all applicable laws, behave appropriately and respectfully.

RESPONSIBILITY: TSBE acts only as an independent contractor facilitating the Tour, including organising transportation (bus) or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any accommodation, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, cruise and steamship lines or owners or contractors. Naturally, TSBE has no control over, or liability for, the products and services provided by third parties and TSBE cannot guarantee the performance of any travel service provider.

TSBE does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or fitness for a particular purpose of any provider of service provided by any travel service provider and to the maximum extent permitted by law disclaims all implied warranties in connection with same. TSBE accepts no responsibility for liability for any failure or delay on the part of any third party in providing travel products or services to you or your group. TSBE is not responsible or liable for any acts or omissions of third parties in relation to any travel product or service booked by you.

You should make your own evaluation of the accuracy and completeness of any information, opinion or advice given in relation to the Tour. You are solely responsible for the suitability of all aspects of the Tour you choose. TSBE is not liable for any inconvenience caused or expense incurred by you or your group in relation to the Tour.

To the extent permitted at law, TSBE nor any of its officers, shareholders, related body corporates or their employees, advisors or agents accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, loss, claim, damage, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by the act, omission or default of third party providers.

TSBE shall not be liable or responsible for:

1. death or injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property or otherwise (including baggage) whether due to its or its servants agents or employees negligence or otherwise arising out of or in connection with any accommodation, transportation, technical visits or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, (dangers or incidents to the sea), fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, force majeure, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, acts of terrorism, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, public health directive, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules or overbooking or default, or from any causes beyond the TSBE's control; or
2. any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents, and that neither TSBE nor its servants, agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expense or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the foregoing causes.

Some aspects of the Tour may carry inherent potential risks, including but not limited to health risks and injuries from livestock, other animals, equipment as well as trails, roads and tracks. Participants accept such risks as inherent to potential risks. As there can be moderate walking requirements to experience the activities of this program, there is an expectation that participants will have an adequate level of mobility and fitness. Unused services cannot be fully refunded or exchanged for other TSBE services. TSBE reserves the right to cancel the Tour and/or modify the itinerary in any way it sees fit and reserves the right to decline to accept any person on any tour and may substitute activities where necessary.



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