



**Ann Marie Miller, CEcD**

Ann Marie Miller is the Executive Director of the Buda Economic Development Corporation in Buda, Texas. The Buda Economic Development Corporation is a Texas Type B Economic Development organization that was created in 2002 with the mission of “providing leadership in creating and pursuing balanced economic growth, by recruiting and retaining desirable diverse businesses and developing infrastructure, while protecting the quality of life and natural resources of the region.”

Prior to accepting the Executive Director Position with the Buda EDC, Miller worked as the Vice President of Economic Development for the Ada Jobs Foundation in Ada, OK. Miller has over 8 years’ experience in Economic Development and is one of the youngest people to receive the Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation.

Miller is a graduate of the William S. Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing. Miller attended OSU on a Regents Scholarship and completed her degree in three years. Miller is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma’s Economic Development Institute as well.

Miller is from Oklahoma and is a registered Chickasaw Citizen. Miller was presented with the Governor’s Commendation in 1993, at the age of nine, for her work on the Governor’s Easter Egg Hunt for the Blind. The Oklahoma Federation of Business and Professional Women selected Miller as Oklahoma’s Young Careerist in 2008, and Miller went on to compete on the National Level. Miller graduated with Class VI of the Oklahoma Citizens Academy, which is program designed to develop new community leaders.

Miller’s work has been recognized with an Award of Excellence for an Economic Development Website from the Southern Economic Development Council. Miller also served as a presenter at the 2012 Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) Annual Conference. Recently, the Southern Economic Development Council presented the Buda Economic Development Corporation with an Award of Excellence for Economic Development for its Interactive Brochure on How to Start a Business in Buda that was designed and created by Miller. In 2015, Miller was selected by Development Counsellors International to receive the 40 Under Forty Rising Stars in Economic Development Award.

Miller is a member of the International Economic Development Council, Southern Economic Development Council, Texas Economic Development Council, Team Texas, and the OSU Alumni Association. Miller also serves on the Marketing Committee for the University of Oklahoma’s Economic Development Institute.

When not working, Miller enjoys spending time outdoors with the love of her life, Jasper, who she rescued from an animal shelter. Miller also enjoys hiking, hunting, camping, and fishing and is the Chairman of the Hays County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Miller believes that while you may not be able to control everything that happens to you in life; you can control you destiny by determining your attitude about the situation. Miller credits her work ethic and positive attitude to her mother, who not only was a trailblazer in her time, but valiantly fought cancer for 10 years with the same positive attitude.