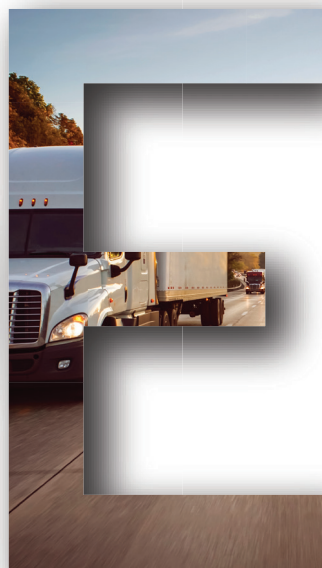




2019
ANNUAL
REPORT





LYNN AND WOODS EASTLAND

Message From The President

WOODS EASTLAND

The Delta is a rich and unique place. It is not unusual for someone to respond, “the Delta”, when asked where they live. It is our identity and we are rightfully proud of the relationships and recognition we have with people who may live an hour or two away from us in some other part of the region, but still claim “the Delta” as their home.

As I conclude my year of service as President of Delta Council, that unity – **One Delta** – has been re-enforced as I have worked with hundreds of you through the umbrella of Delta Council to make this special place we call home better. Whether it is flood protection, economic development, infrastructure improvements, agricultural research, water supply, or farm policy, people in the Delta are effective when addressing those issues that are common to all of us through your regional economic development organization.

In this Annual Report, and in our 84th Annual Meeting today, we highlight some of both the opportunities and challenges we face, and most importantly, the men and women in the Delta who are working together to make positive outcomes a reality. I had always known that Delta Council was a positive force for the region, and my faith and forecast for the future of the Delta has been supported by your efforts.

Welcome to the 84th Annual Meeting of Delta Council, and thank you for making our small part of the world a special place – **One Delta!**

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

June 7, 2019

BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY / CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI



9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
**2019 SALUTE TO
DELTA HONOR GRADUATES**

Keynote Speaker
Hal Parker, Jr.

*President of the Institutions of Higher Learning
Board of Trustees*

Co-host

Dr. Cass Pennington
Delta Education Leader

Location: "Under the Tent" on the lawn of
the Bologna Performing Arts Center

10:30 a.m.
OPENING REMARKS

Woods Eastland
Delta Council President

WELCOME

William LaForge
Delta State University President

INVOCATION

Rev. Jim Woods
*Dorsett Drive Christian Church
Indianola*

**PRESENTATION
OF COLORS**

Boy Scout Troop 200
Greenwood

PATRIOTIC MUSIC
Bruce Levingston

BUSINESS SESSION

- Recognition of Special Guests
- Good Middling Community Service Award Recognition
- Wear Cotton Recognition
- Recognition of Honor Graduates & Scholarship Recipient
- Introduction of New Officers

**INTRODUCTION OF
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Governor Phil Bryant

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
David Abney

Chairman and CEO of United Parcel Service

**12:00 NOON
CATFISH LUNCHEON**

Location: Delta State University
Quadrangle Lawn

**RECOGNITION OF
2019 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Woods Eastland
Delta Council President

2019 **Mississippi Delta** HONOR GRADUATES

BOLIVAR

Jervais Bean, Ray Brooks
Cross Crowe, Bayou Academy
Patrick Davis, Jr., Cleveland Central High
Kennedy King, Ray Brooks
Janesia Landown, Shaw High
Tracy Syron Loyd, Jr., Northside High
Bailey Runnels, Bayou Academy
Daydemeka Scott, Northside High
William Swartzfager, Cleveland Central High
Grosby Thomas, Jr., Shaw High
Nagle Nicole Towers, West Bolivar High
Ladoria Tomese Walker, West Bolivar High

CARROLL

Logan Aaron Hodges, Carroll Academy
Jakayla Phillips, J.Z. George High
Michael Shute, J.Z. George High
Cassandra Rhea Tackett, Carroll Academy

COAHOMA

Rutledge Agostinelli, Lee Academy
Shakyra Beasley, Clarksdale High
Nautica Brown, Coahoma Co. High
Allyson Holmes, Clarksdale High
Halesha Jackson, Coahoma Co. High
Aniya Johnson, Coahoma Early College High
McKindrea Pitts, Coahoma Early College High
Madeline Riddick, Lee Academy

DESOTO

Brett Baltz, Desoto Central High
Kaiya Banks, Horn Lake High
Caden Burse, Olive Branch High
Kyana Conway, Olive Branch High
Kaylee Hargis, Hernando High
Jacqueline Madrid, Horn Lake High
Vivesh Patel, Desoto Central High
Gianna Richardson, Northpoint Christian School
Logan Smith, Northpoint Christian School
Rachel Stoner, Hernando High

Ember Suh, Southaven High
Reo Weaver, Southaven High
Dallas Williams, Lake Cormorant High
Jessica Wilson, Lake Cormorant High

HOLMES

Samantha Deering, Holmes Co. Central High School
Brantley Holder, Central Holmes Christian School
Peyton Killebrew, Central Holmes Christian School
Rabria Moore, Holmes Co. Central High School

HUMPHREYS

Illeanna Grayson, Humphreys Co. High
Tyranesha Jones, Humphreys Co. High
Tori Still, Humphreys Academy
Gracie Turner, Humphreys Academy

LEFLORE

Charles Brooks II, Greenwood High
Sunjay Chawla, Pillow Academy
Kurtina Coates, Greenwood High
Kurt Franklin, North New Summit School
Mariah Gatlin, Amanda Elzy High
Perion Jones, Amanda Elzy High
Willie McCline, Leflore Co. High
Jasmine Swims, Leflore Co. High
John Hollis Tackett, Pillow Academy

PANOLA

Ali Cummins, South Panola High
Mario Fenner, North Panola High
Ainsley Gordon, North Delta School
Nila Lamar, North Panola High
Calandra Morgan, South Panola High
Skylar Nix, North Delta School

QUITMAN

Allana Parsons, Delta Academy
Mary Grace Patterson, Delta Academy
Kamien Wells, Madison S. Palmer High
Reginald Wilbourn, Jr., Madison S. Palmer High

SHARKEY/ISSAQUENA

Hannah Bryant, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
KeiJuan Moore, South Delta High
T'Myriah Pinkins, South Delta High
Tania Rodriguez, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy

SUNFLOWER

Steven Abney, North Sunflower Academy
Knox Arnold, North Sunflower Academy
Chari Barr, Ruleville Central High
Rufus Bush, III, Gentry High
Tavares Fairley, Ruleville Central High
Presley Scott Jackson, Indianola Academy
Clint Jones, Indianola Academy
Keyjuan Meek, Gentry High

TALLAHATCHIE

Trinity Hazzard, West Tallahatchie High
Jacoby McCaskill, Charleston High
Anyjah Nash, Charleston High
Travers Stovall, Jr., West Tallahatchie High

TATE

Sadie Alexander, Magnolia Heights School
Devontre Burdette, Senatobia High
Zikrystia Coleman, Coldwater High School
Jaymee Downs, Independence High
Madahlyn Hall, Strayhorn High
Alliyah Hardy, Strayhorn High
Marvin McLeod, Coldwater High School
Sandria Nolen, Independence High
Casey Rhone, Senatobia High
Alexandra Taylor, Magnolia Heights School

TUNICA

Eugentavious Blue, Rosa Fort High
Claudia Gonzalez, Tunica Academy
Jamelia Mason, Rosa Fort High
Amelia Middleton, Tunica Academy

WARREN

Keanna Abraham, Vicksburg High
Skyler Anderson, Warren Central High
Jacob Arias, Porter's Chapel Academy
Hannah Ashley, Porter's Chapel Academy
Asia Brown, Warren Central High
Antonnea Cooper, Vicksburg High
Mattie Derivaux, St. Aloysius High School
Claire Jamison, St. Aloysius High School

WASHINGTON

Xavier Bell, O'Bannon High
Ahdis Beruk, Greenville High
Courtni Bowman, Greenville Christian School
SenTareyus Bush, Simmons High
Grace Ann Copell, Washington School
Raven Davis, Simmons High
Mikayla Dotson, St. Joseph Catholic School
Zaria Ford, Riverside High
Keynigejuan Hamilton, Leland High
Terry Jones, Jr., Unity Christian Academy
Cade Lackey, Deer Creek School
Michael Mansour, St. Joseph Catholic School
Bailey Nell Nichols, Deer Creek School
Maddie Parkerson, Washington School
Nyra Thomas, Leland High
Jhacolby Williams, Greenville High
Randa Cecil Williams, Riverside High
Keistal Wright, O'Bannon High

YAZOO

Erryonna Cooper, Yazoo City High
Avery Eldridge, Benton Academy
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Catie Merrell, Benton Academy
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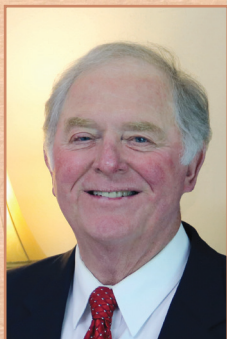


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Delta Council ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Outstanding Rice Producer:

Gibson Steele
Steele Farms
Hollandale



Outstanding Soybean Producer:

Leah and David Carr
Mascot Planting Co.
Clarksdale



Outstanding Cotton Ginner:

Haywood Wilson
Cowart Gin Co., Inc.
Charleston



**Outstanding Contributions to
Hardwood Forestry:**

Lamar C. Dorris, Jr.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Wildlife Refuge
Yazoo City



Pace-Setter Award:

Charles Walker
Co-Membership Chairman
Marks

Butch Scipper
Co-Membership Chairman
Marks



Conservation Farmer:

Terry Maxwell
Hopeso Farms
Inverness



Researcher of the Year:

Dr. Les Torrans
United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Research Service
Stoneville



**Outstanding Contributions to
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Archie Tucker
United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Research Service
Stoneville



**Good Middling Community
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Docia England
Greenville

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Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose more than 3,500 students come from most U.S. states and more than 50 countries. The university offers numerous unique programs, including the Delta Music Institute entertainment industry program, and is the only university in Mississippi to offer undergraduate and graduate aviation programs. Situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, which is recognized as the birthplace of American music, Delta State has become the center of music and culture for the state and the region. The university is also the academic center for the blues, offering an online blues studies curriculum that leads to a certificate for advanced study of blues music. In addition, Delta State offers top-notch academic programs in business, arts, sciences, nursing, and education, among other areas.



William LaForge
Delta State University
President



Mississippi Land Bank and Southern Ag Credit provide long term and short term financing solutions for land, operation capital, equipment and farm equity.



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- Mississippi Rice Promotion Board
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POLICIES & RESOLUTIONS

ADVISORY RESEARCH

- Support for Public Sector Science and Education in Agriculture
- Delta Research and Extension Priorities
- Economic Thresholds
- National Centers
- Soil Health: Research and Education
- Water Resources Research Center
- Cotton Research and Market Development: Non-Wovens
- Peanut Committee
- Property Tax Calculations

AQUACULTURE

- Aquaculture
- Food Technology

FARM POLICY

- Farm Policy
- Property Tax Calculations
- Cotton Flow
- Crop Insurance
- Copper Theft

RICE AND SMALL GRAINS

- Rice
- Mississippi Rice Check-Off

SOYBEAN, WHEAT, CORN AND FEED GRAINS

- Soybeans
- Corn

SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

- Accurate and Complete Data
- Delta Water Resources Sustainability
- Alternative Strategies for Water Balance
- Groundwater Permits
- Adoption of Water-Conserving Practices and Interagency Cooperation
- Compatibility of Water Quality and Water Supply Strategies
- Water Resources, Research, and Education Center
- Soil Health: Research and Extension
- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- Conservation Programs-USDA – Wetlands Reserve Program Enrollment Caps

GINNING AND COTTON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory – Stoneville
- Ultra Low Gossypol Cottonseed (ULGCS)

FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- Hardwoods Research
- Feral Hogs

FLOOD CONTROL

- Flood Control
- Flood Control Reservoirs
- Mississippi River Levee Enlargement
- Yazoo Basin Flood Control
- Upper Yazoo Project
- Hillside Watersheds
- Carter-Rocky Bayou Watershed Project

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

- Highway Development
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Bridge Replacement and Repairs
- Delta Rail Service

EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY

- Higher Education Funding
- Health Care: Access, Education and Research
- Early Learning
- Adult Literacy

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Delta Strong
- Port Expansion
- Workforce
- Historic Tax Credit: In Appreciation
- Growth and Prosperity
- Delta Regional Authority

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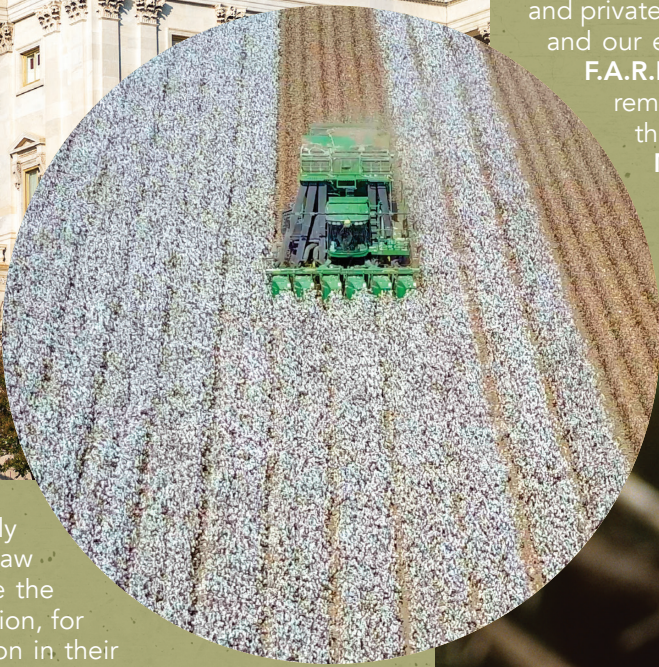
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“For more than two decades, **Delta Wildlife** and **Delta F.A.R.M.** have been addressing **wildlife** and **natural resource issues** in the Mississippi Delta using sound science and voluntary approach. Measured gains in wildlife habitat, water quality, and pesticide stewardship can be found throughout the region along every highway and backroad between Memphis and Vicksburg. These organizations are providing expert advice and technical assistance to landowners, producers, and recreational land managers. Furthermore, they are helping to bring millions of dollars to the region through federal, state and private sources that support both the environment and our economy. While **Delta Wildlife** and **Delta F.A.R.M.** are recognized at the national level, they remain committed to the Mississippi Delta and those who live, work, and recreate here.” - **Mike Sturdivant, III**



In December, the **House and Senate** both overwhelmingly approved the **2018 Farm Bill**, and it was signed into law by **President Trump** on December 20, 2018. “We appreciate the Members of Congress, including all of our Mississippi Delegation, for their work over the past year to advance this critical legislation in their positive vote on passage,” said **George King, Chairman of the Delta Council Executive Committee**. “We are also appreciative of retired **Senator Thad Cochran’s** work before he left office in ensuring that our generic base acreage could be transferred to seed cotton base. As we look at the 2019 growing season, producers are facing a serious situation with low commodity prices, trade disputes, floods, and other weather disruptions that will need to be addressed.”



Delta Council has expressed our appreciation to State officials for enacted measures in a **Special Session** that will help in the coming years to meet Mississippi's growing **transportation** challenges, utilizing a mixture of bond funds, BP Settlement, a state lottery, sports betting, and a tax on internet sales. "We applaud the leadership of **Governor Phil Bryant** and the Legislature for enacting road legislation that helps us move closer to meeting the needs of our infrastructure funding challenges in Mississippi," said **Walton Gresham** of Indianola, a businessman who serves as **Chairman of the regional development organization's Transportation Committee**. "Delta Council's policy continues to emphasize that we feel the fairest mechanism for raising the necessary funds to build and maintain a long-range road program is through additional revenue from the sale of fuel at the pump (user fee), but we feel that the **Special Session** actions are certainly a positive step forward."



After several years of work, a major initiative for both **Delta Council** and the **Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area** was achieved - **fourteen signs** placed strategically into major entrances of the **Mississippi Delta region** welcoming to the people **Heritage Area** with the logo of both the **Heritage Area** and the **National Park Service**.

"These **signs** represent a significant achievement for our efforts to attract more visitors to the Delta," said **Wade Litton** of Greenwood, **incoming Chairman of the Delta Council Development Department**. "We want to let people know that they are entering a special place in the fabric of the United States, and having the National Park Service logo, which is the gold standard for the traveling public, recognizes the hard work the **Heritage Area** is doing to tell the story of the Delta. We are appreciative of **Chairman Buck Clarke** of the **Mississippi State Senate**, **Transportations Commissioners Dick Hall** and **Mike Tagert**, and the **staff of the Mississippi Department of Transportation**, for making sure the signs - constructed with funds from the **Heritage Area** - met approval and could be placed on highway rights-of-way in strategic locations as people enter the Delta. However, it simply would not have happened without the perseverance and persistence of **Bill Allen**, and we appreciate his leadership, not only on ensuring this initiative was realized but his efforts on representing **Delta Council** on the **Heritage Area Board**."



"2019 is a prime example of why **Delta Council** never takes its focus away from **flood protection** every day of every year," said **Delta Council Flood Protection Chairman David Wansley** of Valley Park. "A tremendous amount of rainfall combined with the man-made disaster that was an Administrative veto of the final piece of the Mississippi Delta plumbing plan – the **Yazoo Backwater Pumping Plant** – has decimated the South Delta and other parts of the entire region have felt the effects. As we gather today, Vicksburg has been above flood stage for more than 110 days and could remain for another month at the minimum. We are appreciative of the work our **Federal Delegation** – **Congressman Thompson** and **Senators Hyde-Smith and Wicker** – and **Governor Bryant** have done for the Delta to position itself to finally see progress on the completion of the federally-authorized pumping plant that would have eliminated the misery we have experienced this year."

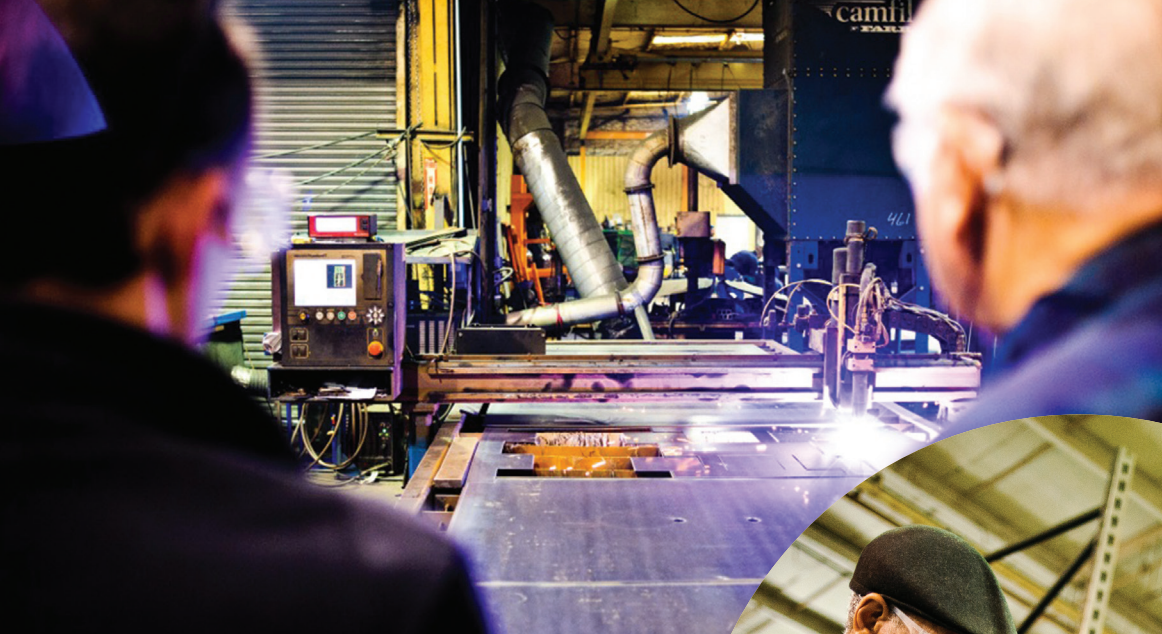


In a **historical announcement** this March at the **Greater Grenada Partnership** annual meeting, **Grenada County** officially became the **19th county of the Delta Council service area**. This announcement, which was the result of a unanimous bylaws change by the **Delta Council Board of Directors** and the business and political community of Grenada officially requesting to be part of the **Delta Council service area**, marks the first time that a county has been added to the **Delta Council area**. "It is lost in history why **Grenada County** was the only part-Delta county not included in the foundation of our regional organization founded in 1935, but this step completes the work of **Delta Council** and all Delta and part-Delta counties," stated **Delta Council President Woods Eastland** of Indianola. "**Grenada** has many positive things occurring, and we appreciate their faith in our regional program of work. I want to thank **Keith Mitchell, Chairman of the Greater Grenada Partnership and a Regions Bank executive**, for working with **Delta Council** and **Grenada** officials and business leaders to form the partnership."

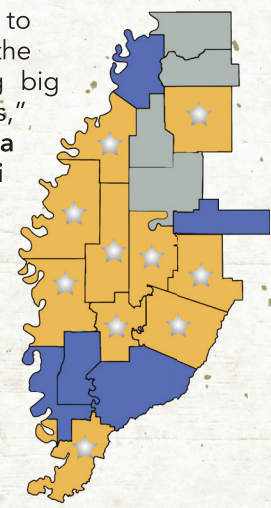
"The **Greater Grenada Partnership** is all about building relationships with partners that enhance our communities' economic outcome. What better way for us to continue that effort than join with such an esteemed organization, as **Delta Council**," stated **Chairman of the Greater Grenada Partnership, Keith Mitchell**. "**Delta Council** has a long history of success, and we look forward to being an asset in the future of the Delta."



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"The communities of the Delta have responded to the **modern workforce** challenge by adopting the **ACT WorkReady program**, and it is paying big dividends for both employees and employers," said **Johnny McRight** of **Greenville**, **Delta Council member, businessman and Mississippi Community College Board Trustee**. "Here in the Delta, we have worked for years to develop **strong workforce** delivery programs, and it became apparent that we needed a single focus to unite all of those efforts. The **WorkReady program** is doing just that, and doing it very successfully."



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DELTA STRONG

"The **Delta Strong** process of recruiting industry to our region is well underway and working. We are on the cusp of two very significant announcements, and we will continue to work the plan," said **Delta Strong Chairman, Tom Gresham** of Indianola. "We have at least a year and a half of recruiting visits planned. When we began, we agreed to set a goal of recruiting five new industries to the Delta, and aim for fifteen unique visits from potential businesses. As you can tell from the numbers below, we are tracking with our goal."

- Met with 80 companies and made presentations
- Received 5 unique (and multiple) visits to the Delta
- 2 companies are pending announcement
- 1 company is in later phase of commitment
- 1 company expanded elsewhere
- 1 company has an RFP pending (visited twice)



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