

# CHIPS Quote Sheet

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

"By investing in leading-edge semiconductor manufacturing, we are helping secure this vulnerable supply chain, boosting our national security and global competitiveness, and creating new jobs for Texans. The chipmaking capabilities these resources will enable at Samsung, including advanced packaging and research and development will help the U.S. reclaim its leadership role in the critically important semiconductor industry, and I look forward to seeing more Texas-led advancements in the years to come."

– John Cornyn (R-Texas), U.S. Senator

"Today's announcement confirms Texas remains the single best location for companies to grow and thrive. But to fully accomplish the national security goals of the CHIPS Act and reduce America's dependence on foreign semiconductors, the House of Representatives must pass my bipartisan permitting reform legislation and get the bill to the President's desk. Without my bipartisan bill, which has already passed the Senate unanimously, projects like Samsung will face permitting delays and put our national security needlessly at risk."

– Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Ranking Member, U.S. Senator

"To secure America's future in chip production and compete on a global scale, we must make bold investments now. Not only do I applaud this award because it will bolster America's semiconductor supply chain, but this funding will have an immense impact on Taylor, Williamson County, and Central Texas. Samsung has proven to be a committed partner to our region, and I couldn't be more excited to see how this investment transforms America's semiconductor industry and our very own community."

– John Carter (R-Texas), U.S. Representative

"Since first joining our local effort in 1996 to encourage it to locate in Austin, I have appreciated Samsung as a creator of great products and great jobs. Now more than ever with its new fab in Taylor, it ensures that Central Texas remains a major tech hub and international gateway for businesses worldwide. With billions of federal funds on the way from national security legislation I supported, we are strengthening our partnership with Samsung and further establishing our region as an essential power player in American manufacturing."

– Lloyd Doggett (R-Texas), Congressman

"This increased investment for Samsung's semiconductor complex in Taylor, Texas will be a rising tide of prosperity for all of Williamson County and Central Texas. This investment advances Texas's position as a technology industry leader and encourages suppliers to relocate to Texas. Samsung is laying the foundation for a future where innovation drives economic success and enhances the wellbeing of every Texan in our region."

– Pete Sessions, Congressman, U.S. House Representative

"Today's announcement further solidifies the Lone Star State as the best place to do business – and the perfect spot for investment in the semiconductor industry. This historic investment will bring thousands of high-paying jobs to our state, boost the economy, and strengthen our national security for years to come. I'm proud to have played a role in this pivotal moment and am confident Samsung's work here will leave behind a better America – and a better world – for future generations."

– Michael McCaul, Chairman, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee

"We are proud to work with Samsung as they celebrate the expansion of their incredible semiconductor hub in Taylor which will help Texas remain the No. 1 state for semiconductors," said Governor Greg Abbott. "Texas is the birthplace of the microchip, and proud to be home to Samsung's leading edge semiconductor manufacturing facilities, the only location Samsung manufactures outside South Korea. With this project, they are doubling down on their more than 20-year investment in Texas. We will continue to partner with Samsung to support their world-class innovation and for Texas to remain a leader in cutting-edge chip manufacturing—a critical industry for our national security—for generations to come."

– Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas

"The semiconductor industry's investment in Texas is proof that the Lone Star State is the best place to do business in America," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. "Samsung's federal CHIPS Act grant is fantastic news for central Texas families; their investment brings high-quality jobs and will be transformative for the local economy. The investments from Samsung and the semiconductor industry place Texas at the forefront of a digitized future, ensuring Texas will be an industry leader for decades to come."

– Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor of Texas

"Samsung has become an important part of our Central Texas economy, exemplifying the opportunity infrastructure Texas can develop and folks can thrive with. They have become a major employer and have a critical role in nurturing our talent pipeline behind our economic success. Our state has a responsibility to Texans to actively support the growth Samsung is galvanizing here; we are so pleased they continue to see the promise Central Texas holds and look forward to sharing that promise of opportunity with all."

– Sarah Eckhardt, Texas State Senator

"Through strong partnerships and a commitment to economic development, Samsung's semiconductor industry in Texas is not just shaping tomorrow - it's transforming the future for generations to come."

– Caroline Harris-Davila, Texas State Representative

"I'm proud of our partnership with Samsung and the economic opportunities that expanding the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas will bring for future generations in our community," said Travis County Judge Andy Brown. "This expansion will provide the talent pipeline and economic development we need for our workforce and mark Travis County as an industry leader in semiconductor manufacturing."

– Andy Brown, Judge, Travis County

"Inviting Samsung to call Williamson County home has eclipsed all of our expectations. Williamson County has become a world leader in developing an ecosystem for the semiconductor industry. Its impact will be felt for generations to come."

– Bill Gravel, Judge, Williamson County

"Austin and Central Texas are a positive focal point in the world's semiconductor industry. And we enjoy this distinction because of Samsung and all it has done for our community. Whether it's partnering with us to create future-focused talent pipelines or helping drive our economic development or being a leader in enhancing our quality of life, Samsung is an essential part of the Central Texas ecosystem and helped to put us on the map."

– Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin

"Samsung has been a valuable corporate citizen and community partner for the City of Taylor. They have already made a significant impact on our city's economy and our ability to plan for a brighter future. We know this investment will provide even greater benefit for Taylor, creating more opportunities for us to grow and for future generations to realize their fullest potential. We are proud of our partnership with Samsung and look forward to continuing to work together for our mutual success."

– Brandt Rydell, Mayor, City of Taylor

"Samsung has been an important part in how we empower, equip, and edify our students and community. We are truly thankful for our relationship with Samsung and hope their new facilities will come with new and innovative ways to create tomorrow's workforce together."

– Christopher Harvey, Mayor, City of Manor

"Our City's collaboration with valued corporate partners like Samsung, and folks at the Department of Commerce are crucial for our city. Austin is a thriving and inclusive local economy in which we are seizing opportunities to support transformation for generations to come. That includes positive community impacts, expanding the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas and economic development impact of today and tomorrow."

– Natasha Harper Madison, City of Austin Council Member

"We are honored to have Samsung's advanced semiconductor fabrication plant here in Taylor. Their presence strengthens our local economy and brings new opportunities to our community. Partnering with Taylor ISD to establish a skills training center for our children, they are creating new and exciting career development opportunities for our students. We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with Samsung for many years to come."

– Mitch Drummond, City of Taylor Councilmember

"Families are special. They support each other, they believe in each other, and they invest in each other. Sometimes family members are by birth, but sometimes, if you're lucky, you get to choose your family members. And that is what Williamson County and Samsung are, family. I continue to appreciate their support, belief, and investment into the people of Williamson County."

– Russ Boles, Williamson County Pct. 4 Commissioner

## INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

"We are extremely grateful for this partnership between Samsung and the U.S. Department of Commerce", said Dave Porter, Executive Director, Williamson County Economic Development Partnership. "To be part of this epic effort to bring semiconductor manufacturing jobs back to the the U.S. is exciting and critically important to our national security."

– Dave Porter, Executive Director, Williamson County Economic Development Partnership

"Taylor is proud to be home of this transformational project, not only for our City, but for State and Country. Our tremendous partnership with Samsung will help grow the jobs of tomorrow in our community. Samsung has made Taylor, Texas a hub for semiconductor industry!"

– Ben White, President and CEO, Taylor Economic Development Corporation

"Without question, Central Texas is blessed that Samsung Electronics is located and expanding in our region. Since its earliest days in Austin nearly 30 years ago, Samsung has consistently engaged in meaningful community partnerships, provided incredible employment opportunities, embraced educational programs to enhance future employment options for young people, and served the role as a model corporate citizen. Samsung's decision to expand the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas will surely enhance economic prosperity and national security for generations to come. I know that I speak for the entire community when I say thanks and congratulations to Samsung for its growth and success."  
– Gary S. Farmer, Chairman, Greater Austin Economic Development Corporation/Opportunity Austin

"There is no question. Samsung Austin Semiconductor continues to be a global leader in advancing innovation and improving the lives of people worldwide through the technology products we use every day. What I am most proud of is their corporate citizenship and its commitment to our region. For decades, Samsung has contributed generously to advance important community priorities, served as a valued voice of business at all levels of government, and invested in developing highly-skilled and talented individuals. I am humbled by the company's unprecedented investment in Central Texas, and I deeply appreciate our continued partnership."  
– Jeremy Martin, President and CEO, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce

"Samsung has been a strong community partner and important technology leader in Central Texas for almost 30 years. We're delighted by their success and excited to see their plans to continue to invest and grow in the region."  
– Mark Duval, President and CEO, GAACC

"The Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with Samsung Electronics in furthering our mission of economic growth and workforce development in our diverse local communities."  
– Monica Munoz Andry, President and CEO, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

"Austin Regional Manufacturers Association (ARMA) is truly excited to see the investment Samsung Austin Semiconductor (Samsung) is making in Central Texas and the greater economic impact it will have in our communities. Samsung has been a long-time ARMA member and supporter of ARMA's mission. Together, both entities are working together with

community partners to address national security matters in the semiconductor supply chain and workforce development needs. With the announcement of the newly expanded investment in an additional fab, R&D center and advanced packaging comes additional opportunities for well-paying careers in advanced manufacturing that will ripple throughout the entire semiconductor supply chain in Central Texas. Samsung has led with investments in workforce development and ARMA is excited to be a partner with Samsung in addressing these issues. We applaud Samsung for the investments they're making in the Central Texas communities."  
– Kevin Fincher, CEO, ARMA

"Samsung's commitment to being a supportive community partner speaks volumes about their values and dedication to making a difference beyond their business operations. They have already made significant impact on our city, schools and non-profit businesses. The Taylor Chamber is proud support to Samsung's continued growth and prosperity for the of our nation and our community."  
– Tia Stone, President and CEO, Taylor Chamber of Commerce

"Congratulations to Samsung Austin Semiconductor on this award, which underscores the value of the CHIPS Act and the company's pivotal role in solidifying Central Texas as a leading hub for semiconductor manufacturing. The Austin region's economy and competitive standing are made stronger by Samsung's contributions from providing opportunities across all education levels to investing in skilled labor, community development, and environmental stewardship. We value their continued partnership and collaboration in the region as we prosper together."  
– Ed Latson, CEO, Opportunity Austin

"Samsung Austin Semiconductor has played a huge role in Manor's growth. Manor is hoping to take advantage of these opportunity from Samsung which includes new businesses, while always holding on to the small town feel that we are known for. Samsung is creating thousands of jobs in the next couple of years, which directly affects the community of Manor in a very positive way. Manor has a great opportunity to have Samsung in our community to help with job opportunities, growth, education, training, and a great partnership. The Manor Chamber welcomes Samsung and their partnership and looks forward to the future and the growing partnership in our community."  
– Debbie Charbonneau, Executive Director and Past President, Manor Chamber of Commerce

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

"The Manor Schoolhouse Foundation is proud to partner with Samsung Austin Semiconductor to support innovative teaching practices that advance the learning & educational achievement of students in the Manor Independent School District. Samsung Austin Semiconductor has generously supported hundreds of creative instructional programs that enhance educational opportunities for underserved, economically disadvantaged students through academic enrichment, social-emotional learning, leadership development, and career & technology experiences that drive academic achievement and encourage lifelong success."  
– Elaine Lofton, President, Manor Schoolhouse Foundation

"Samsung Austin Semiconductor's long-term partnership with Girl Scouts of Central Texas has encouraged thousands of local Girl Scouts to explore STEM fields and topics, increase their STEM confidence, and pursue STEM studies and roles in the STEM workforce, increasing workforce diversity. Samsung Austin Semiconductor's support has been instrumental in helping Girl Scouts believe they have a role to play in building our future through science, technology, engineering, and math. We are grateful for their investment, which strengthens our community and our future."  
– Paula Bookidis, Girl Scouts of Central Texas CEO

"Thank you to Samsung for being an incredible partner in our mission to inspire and empower girls in STEM! We are proud to collaborate with Samsung as they champion STEM talent pipelines and expand the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas, creating job possibilities for generations to come. Together, we are building a brighter future where every girl knows she belongs in STEM!"  
– Shane Woods, Executive Director, Girlstart

## HIGHER EDUCATION

"ACC believes deeply in partnerships that lift our community. Samsung is one of our greatest corporate partners, and I'm proud of the work we've achieved together. We have a long history of building programs that impact our community, from customized in-house training programs to apprenticeships, high school academies, degree programs, and entry-level boot camps. This is how we can fuel the talent pipeline and create family-sustaining careers for thousands of Central Texans. I am excited about the work ahead. The future of our community depends on all of us working together, and ACC is proud to stand beside Samsung as they take this great step forward."

– Russell Lowery-Hart, Ph.D, Chancellor, Austin Community College District

"The partnership between Samsung and Texas A&M is poised to change everything in the global semiconductor landscape. Together, we will make Texas the worldwide leader in chip manufacturing. The Texas A&M System and Texas A&M University will support Samsung in every way we can to achieve our goals. The System will provide workforce training and the necessary certificates for existing workers through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. And the university – mostly through the largest and best engineering school in the state – will produce the highly trained people that Samsung needs to produce the best semiconductors on the planet."

– John Sharp, Chancellor, Texas A&M University System

"Temple College is proud to partner with Samsung, working together to build a robust STEM talent pipeline and expand the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas. Working side by side in Williamson County, we are impacting lives. Together, we are igniting 'STEM Futures' for elementary, middle, high school and adult students. We are thankful for Samsung's investment in Temple College's service area by building a new site Taylor. Together, we are building a talent-strong Texas with semiconductor training and advanced STEM academics. At the Temple College Taylor Campus and the East Williamson Country Higher Education Center, we look forward to working with Samsung and other industry partners to support economic development and advance the economic mobility of the community."

– Dr. Christy Ponce, President, Temple College

"We take pride in our partnerships and the positive influence we collectively have on the community. Our investments into the talent pipeline, the economic development effects both now and in the future, and the chance to bolster the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas are shaping a transformative future for generations ahead."

– Jonathan Hoekstra, Chief Operating Officer, Texas State Technical College

"For nearly three decades Samsung/Samsung Austin have been a key partner in The University of Texas at Austin's research and education mission. We are proud of our increasingly robust relationship as Samsung expands their presence in Central Texas and look forward to continuing to partner to impact the region with enhanced workforce development initiatives and cutting-edge research to expand the semiconductor ecosystem in Texas. Together, UT Austin and Samsung are transforming lives!"

– Kelsey Evans, Executive Director for Corporate Relations, The University of Texas at Austin

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

"We are proud of our community partnerships and the opportunity to strengthen our civilian labor force in Texas. The growth of our semiconductor landscape in Texas will not only influence our present economy but also shape the opportunities for future generations."

– Alberto Treviño III, Commissioner Representing Labor, Texas Workforce Commission