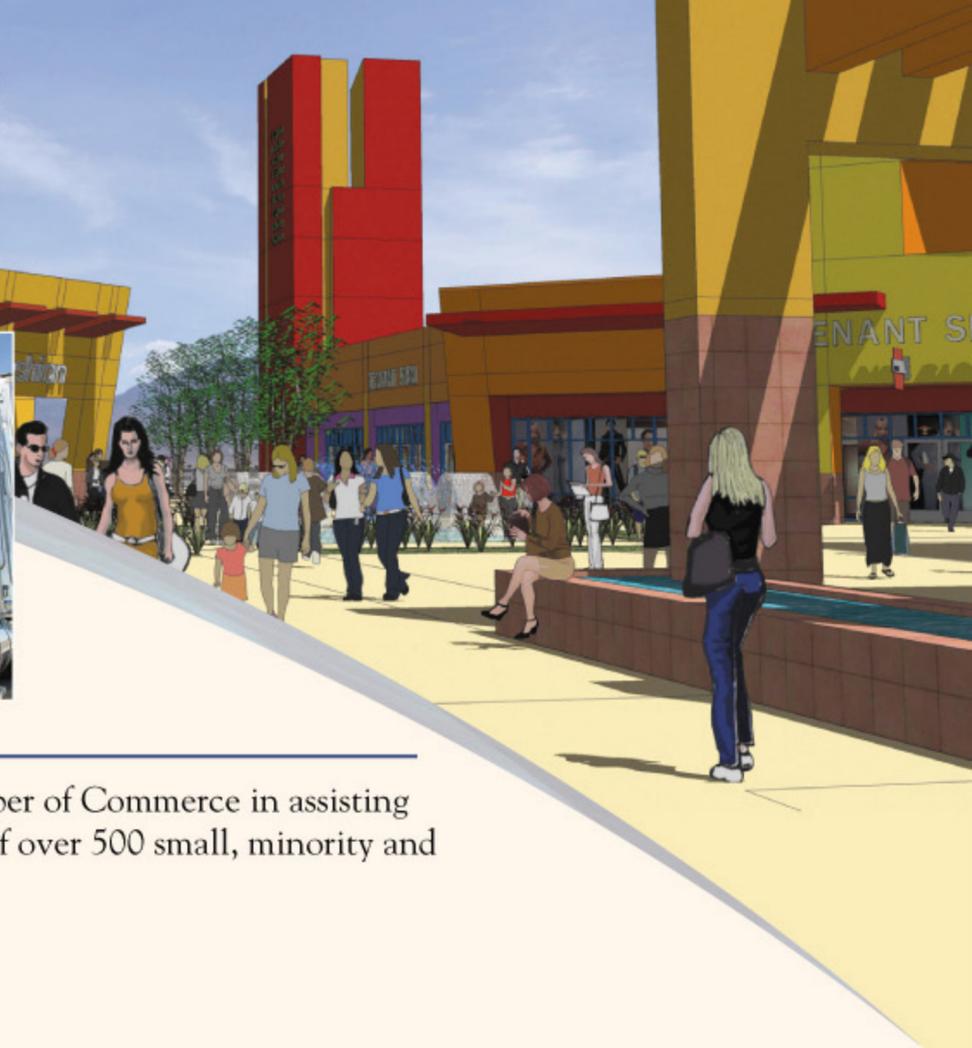


# Economic Development

Economic Development works to improve the economy by helping local businesses thrive. The Department encourages businesses to create jobs in El Paso by working with our economic development partners to remove barriers to growth, providing research and information and offering incentives to new and growing businesses. Additionally, support of entrepreneurship is provided through small business development programs. Economic Development is helping to redevelop El Paso for a successful future.



## Highlights in FY 06

- Visited 300 local businesses and helped them find ways to grow
- Provided an incentives policy to encourage job creation in El Paso
- Worked with REDCO to bring more than 2,500 new jobs to El Paso
- Supported the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in assisting in the start-up and expansion of over 500 small, minority and women-owned businesses

# El Paso City-County Health & Environmental District

The El Paso City-County Health & Environmental District's mission is to promote, ensure and improve the health and well-being of the El Paso community. This mission is accomplished through four key divisions: Patient Care Services, Environmental Quality Services, Public Health Awareness & Community Services, and Support Services. The District has worked intensely to improve community health and has seen great successes in the past year, including the selection of the District's laboratory as one of two labs in Texas selected by the Centers for Disease Control to participate in a validation study for large volume water testing. Additionally, microchipping domestic pets became mandatory with the passage of revisions to Title VII.



## Highlights in FY 06

- The Dental Program served 9,965 children at 43 locations by partnering with Head Start centers and using mobile dental units throughout the community
- The Immunization Program gave 96,000 vaccine doses; the Immunization Rate increased 9% to 69.2% for children 19 to 35 months
- Animal adoptions increased by 17% and the euthanasia rate dropped by 9%. 2,469 free spay/neuter services were provided
- Health Education & Promotion gave 973 public health presentations to 45,221 people and reached 6,444 people at health fairs