



## Small Business Highlight: Crawfish Joint & Sports Bar

Our small business series highlights local business owners in the community.

### Quick Facts

**Business:**  
Crawfish Joint & Sports Bar  
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### A Taste of Louisiana in Rio Grande City

Nestled in the rolling hills of Starr County and the winding Rio Grande River you will find a bit of the bayou. Edgar Solis, native of Rio Grande City, brought back a "joie de vivre" or joy of living and shares his love of the foods and flavors of the Louisiana delta.

#### **What ignited the spark in you to start a new business venture? How did the idea for your business come about?**

The idea came when I worked in Lake Charles, Louisiana. I worked for Mike Hooks Inc, a dredging company. I was an oilman for several years and being in Louisiana, that's where I was introduced to Cajun cuisine. I fell in love with the crawfish, the alligator and the myriad flavors of the Louisiana bayou. So much so that I would crave the food when I came home on my weeks off. I wanted to delve deeper in the cuisine so I took courses specializing in Cajun cuisine and became a chef while in Louisiana.

#### **How many hours do you work a day on average for your business?**

It is a big sacrifice. I work between 10 to 14 hours every day.

#### **How did you hear about the Rio Grande City EDC and its Business Development Program?**

I remember reading in the paper about a local business receiving a grant through the Rio Grande City EDC. I kept that in mind and as I was starting my business, I called to get more information on how I could qualify. I am very thankful for the help I received from the Rio Grande City EDC. Without it, it would have taken longer to get my business up and going.

#### **Who has been your greatest inspiration?**

My greatest inspiration is my mother. She's been a business owner for over 25 years and I've always admired her strength and effort she puts into her work.

#### **What lessons did you take from your seeing mother run a business?**

She is a people person. She cares for each customer that walks in her door and treats them like family. I carry that with me. When someone walks in my door, they are family.

#### **Where do you see yourself and your business in 10 years? 20 years?**

I am very happy here, but I do have a seed growing with the possibility of another location in Rio Grande City and extending to McAllen and the valley. I am very thankful and blessed and believe in investing in our youth. My parents taught me to work hard and to give back to the community.

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