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SERVING A FOURTEEN COUNTY REGION

March 26, 2021

Dear Mayor White,

Enclosed is a Solutions Report that sets forth a summary snapshot of results delivered through the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) within your county during the Fiscal Year 2020. I have also enclosed an invoice for your jurisdiction's annual membership dues.

On behalf of the board and staff of ETCOG, I wanted to express our deepest gratitude for your continued membership, support, and partnership with us. Due to the pandemic, our region's jurisdictions, organizations, and workers have been impacted on a scale rarely, if ever seen before. Because of your continued support during this past year, ETCOG has been able to:

- Seek and secure funding for a Regional Disaster Recovery Coordinator to help our members access COVID-19 relief
- Enhance our programs to benefit more seniors through the Area Agency on Aging
- Provide funding support and access to funding opportunities, technical assistance, and guidance to struggling businesses
- Provide resources and training to the thousands of jobless individuals through our workforce centers
- Launch our Regional Broadband Strategic Planning project
- Position our GoBus staff to serve on the front lines throughout the pandemic, transporting East Texas residents to where they need to go safely
- Roll out equipment upgrades across the region's dispatch centers to improve the 9-1-1 system

It is hard to believe ETCOG has been proudly serving you and our entire region since 1970, marking its 50th anniversary during this past year. In addition to the highlights listed above, our staff remains committed to delivering needed solutions to all our members.

If you have any questions about the annual membership dues process or any feedback regarding your experience with ETCOG, please contact me by telephone (903) 218-6400 or email at David.Cleveland@etcog.org.

Thank you once again for your commitment to ETCOG. We look forward to serving you and the East Texas region for the next 50 years!

Sincerely,

David A. Cleveland
Executive Director
East Texas Council of Governments

AT A GLANCE

Snapshot of results delivered through ETCOG within your county during Fiscal Year 2020



ETCOG PROGRAMS • PARTNERSHIPS • SOLUTIONS

\$835K RECEIVED IN REGIONAL GRANTS

- \$275,000 - Community Development Block Grant (Wood County)
- \$256,472 - Homeland Security Grant (City of Mineola)
- \$224,118 - Homeland Security Grant (Wood County)
- \$57,754 - Victims of Crime Act Funds (Wood County)
- \$14,355 - Justice Assistance Grant (City of Winnsboro)
- \$6,300 - Homeland Security Grant (City of Yantis)
- \$1,462 - Evaluation Services for Juveniles (Wood County)

\$36K INVESTED IN THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM

ETCOG assists the region with Public Safety planning to help our local communities and first responders coordinate resources and training, and strengthens the regional 9-1-1 system to keep East Texans safe.

971 JOB SEEKERS & EMPLOYERS SERVED THROUGH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EAST TEXAS



SENIOR MEALS SERVED

Stay tuned for the launch of a new online ETCOG Regional Solutions Performance Portal where you can see a snapshot of key performance deliverables within a fiscal year. Members will receive an email about accessing the new portal.



PEACE OFFICERS TRAINED

668 SENIORS RECEIVED SERVICES

Our Area Agency on Aging of East Texas tailors programs to meet the social, nutritional, educational, and logistical needs of residents aged 60 years and older.

\$658K PROVIDED FOR CHILD CARE

Through Workforce Solutions East Texas, child care assistance is available for eligible families in order for parents to enter and remain in the workforce.



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