

**JOINT AGENDA  
NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION,  
NORTHEAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND  
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 31, 2022**

The Northeast Texas Rural Transportation Planning Organization (NETRTPO), Northeast Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD), and the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

**Use the following information to register for the meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0odeqorT4tE9e3duP1KWDJgjJnzJ1WIYvz>

*If you experience issues while registering, please contact Marla Matthews no less than two (2) workdays prior to the meeting at 903.255.3555 or [mmatthews@atcog.org](mailto:mmatthews@atcog.org).*

Item 1. Call to order – Quorum Determination.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

*ATCOG invites members of the public to provide oral comment on any item included on this agenda under this item. Each person wishing to make a public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes, with comments directed to the Board as a whole. Reasonable accommodation shall be made for members of the public utilizing a translator for public comment.*

**NETRTPO Agenda Items**

Item 4. Review and consider approval of the minutes as submitted for the NETRTPO meeting held Thursday, April 25, 2019. (See page 4)

Item 5. Presentation of the FY23-26 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) project information. (To be presented by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as introduced by Executive Director Chris Brown)

***This concludes all RTPO Agenda Items.***

**NETEDD Agenda Items**

Item 6. Review and consider approval of the minutes as submitted for the NETEDD meeting held Thursday, December 9, 2021. (See page 8)

Item 7. Review the Revolving Loan Fund Program update. (See page 12; to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

***This concludes all NETEDD Agenda Items.***

## **ATCOG Board of Directors Agenda Items**

Item 8. Review and consider consent agenda items. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, December 9, 2021. (See page 13)
- Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council meeting held Thursday, March 3, 2022. (See page 17)
- Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the Homeland Security Advisory Council meeting held Thursday, February 17, 2022. (See page 19)
- Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, March 17, 2022. (See page 21)

### **Review and Comment**

Item 9. Executive Director Report (For information only; to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and THSSP Implementation Plan (IP) Feedback Report (See page 35)

### **Regular Business**

Item 10. Review and consider approval of the Cass County nomination to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) through December 31, 2023. (See page 38; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

Item 11. Review and consider approval of the revisions to the RCJAC Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) grant application scoring instrument. (See page 40; to be presented by Patricia Haley)

Item 12. Review and consider approval for the ATCOG Executive Director to submit the following applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds to the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grant Division. (See page 54; to be presented by staff member Whitney Fezell)

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Equipment to be Purchased</b>
Delta County	\$196,068.86	1 dispatch console, 8 base radios
Delta County	\$487,182.00	2 towers, 2 communication shelters, 2 repeaters
Franklin County	\$181,486.25	4 repeaters
Hopkins County	\$224,637.00	2 dispatch consoles, 9 base radios, 9 mobile gateways
Sulphur Springs	\$224,637.00	2 dispatch consoles, 9 base radios, 9 mobile gateways
Lamar County	\$962,564.50	1 tower, 1 communication shelter, 6 repeaters, 1 generator

Item 13. Review and consider approval of the purchase and installation of radio infrastructure equipment in Red River County. (See page 61; to be presented by Whitney Fezell)

- Item 14. Review and consider approval of ATCOG Financial Statement and Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. (To be presented by Chris Pruitt, Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.P., as introduced by staff member Melinda Tickle)
- Item 15. Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Altech, Inc not to exceed \$600,000 to complete renovations at the Texarkana office building. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Item 16. Adoption of a resolution authorizing recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. (See page 65; to be presented by staff member Rea Allen)

### **Announcements**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via teleconference/webinar.

*Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in an executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise ATCOG concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such a matter will be taken or conducted in an open session following the conclusion of the executive session.*

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APRIL 25, 2019**

The North East Texas Rural Planning Organization (NETRPO), North East Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) and Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Titus County Extension Office, 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

- Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.
- Item 2. Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, gave the invocation.
- Item 3. At this time, each attendee introduced themselves.

**Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Agenda Items**

- Item 4. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for reaffirmation the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among ATCOG, ETCOG, and DETCOG.  
  
Motion to approve was made by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, the City of Clarksville. It was approved.
- Item 5. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for consideration amendment of the bylaws to the Northeast East Texas Rural Planning Organization (NETPRO).  
  
Motion to approve was made by Bob Throne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield and seconded by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County. It was approved.
- Item 6. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for review and discussion the TxDOT Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) 2050 Process. This item was for information only, so no action was taken.

***This concludes all RPO agenda items.***

**North East Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) Committee Agenda Items**

- Item 7. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted of the North East Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) Committee Meeting held Thursday, October 26, 2017, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.  
  
Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Billy Trenado, Councilman, City of Paris. It was approved.
- Item 8. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for review and discussion the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This item was for information only, so no action was taken.

***This concludes all NETEDD agenda items.***

## Executive Committee Agenda Items

- Item 9. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted of the Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, January 31, 2019, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville, and seconded by Scott Lee, Judge, Titus County. The minutes were approved.

### Review and Comment

- Item 10. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator, presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewal by the TXI Operations, LP., to authorize the continued operation of an existing concrete batch plant and construction of a second permanent concrete batch plant in New Boston, Bowie County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by James Carlow, Judge, Bowie County, and seconded by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County. It was approved.

### Regular Business

- Item 11. Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant, presented for consideration approval of the appointment of one new member to the Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. It was approved.

- Item 12. Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director, presented for consideration approval of the ATCOG Information Security Policy & the Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Motion to approve was made by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County, and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

- Item 13. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for consideration authorizing the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a grant to provide Regional Law Enforcement Training in the Ark-Tex Region for FY2020 and FY2021.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. It was approved.

- Item 14. Ms. Haley presented for consideration review and approval of applications and priorities/recommendations established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding consideration.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County. It was approved.

- Item 15. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for consideration approval to establish a new depository account with Guaranty Bank & Trust for Ark-Tex Urban Transit, Inc. (ATUT) use, and adding the President of the Board, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Deputy Director to the signatory cards.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Carlow and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

- Item 16. Mr. Brown presented for consideration amendment of the Bylaws to the Northeast Texas Rural Planning Organization (NETRPO).

Motion to approve was made by Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield, and seconded by Judge Carlow. The item was approved.

### **Other Business**

Item 17. Mr. Brown presented, for information only, the Executive Director Report.

- a) Indirect Finance Reports
- b) Committee Meeting Minutes
- c) CSEC Newsletter Recognition

### **Announcements**

Mr. Brown announced that the Red River Valley Association (RRVA) Regional Water Conference will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Texarkana Arkansas Convention Center, 5200 Convention Plaza Dr. Updates on I-69 & I-49 will also be provided during this meeting.

There were no further announcements, so the meeting was adjourned.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County  
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County  
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
Robert Newson, Judge, Hopkins County  
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville  
Emily Glass, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sulphur Springs  
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield  
Billy Trenado, Councilman, City of Paris  
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development  
Scott Norton, TexAmericas Center  
Stan Wyatt, Northeast Texas Municipal Water District

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Frank Estes, Councilman, City of Avery

GUESTS PRESENT

Reece DeWoody, Office of Senator John Cornyn

Randy Reed, NETX Workforce Solutions

April Corbit, NETX Workforce Solutions

Kiann Richardson, NETX Workforce Solutions

Doyce Winchester, TDEM

Taylor Nye, Sulphur Springs News Telegram

Susan Thorne, Guest

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director

Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director

Melinda Tickle, Director of Finance

Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

Mae Lewis, Housing Manager

Claude Ramsey, IT Manager

Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator

Leslie McBride, Human Resources Manager

Rea Washington, 911 Program Manager

Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator

Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator

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L.D. Williamson, President

Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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**JOINT MINUTES  
NORTHEAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND  
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 9, 2021**

The Northeast Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) and Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 2021, at the Titus County Extension Office, located at 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

**NETEDD Agenda Items**

Item 4. The next order of business was to review and consider approval of the minutes submitted for the NETEDD meeting held Thursday, September 30, 2021, at the Titus County Extension Office, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via teleconference/webinar.

Motion to approve was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 5. Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director, presented for review and consideration approval for NETEDD to request release of the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) federal interest in the NETEDD Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 6. Ms. Harmon presented for review and consideration approval of the submission of a NETEDD request to modify the NETEDD Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program Plan.

Motion to approve was made by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. It was approved.

Item 7. Ms. Harmon presented for review and consideration approval of the utilization of defederalized revolving loan funds as a match for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant RLF application.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO of TexAmericas, and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

***This concluded all NETEDD agenda items.***

**ATCOG Board of Directors Agenda Items**

Item 8. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for approval of the minutes for the ATCOG Board of Directors Meeting held Thursday, September 30, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Mr. Norton. It was approved.

### **Regular Business**

Item 9. Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director, presented for review and consideration approval of the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program Revolving Loan Fund grant.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. It was approved.

Item 10. Rea Allen, 9-1-1 Program Director, presented for review and consideration approval of the region-wide Billboard Advertising contract renewal as part of the 9-1-1 Public Education Program.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Norton and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

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Item 12. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for review and consideration approval of a 2-Year contract with East Texas Police Academy/Kilgore College.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb. It was approved.

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Item 15. Judge Brian Lee, ATCOG Nominating Committee representative, presented for review and consideration approval of the following appointments of ATCOG Board of Directors members to the Executive Committee and Audit Committee.

Executive Committee – Honorable Mihir Pankaj, Council Member, City of Paris  
Audit Committee – Honorable Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Mayor Walker. It was approved.

### **Other Business**

Item 16. Ms. Haley updated the Board regarding the passage of SB 476; 87th Texas Legislature (SART Teams). The Sexual Assault Response Teams are required for all Texas Counties, as mandated by SB 476; 87th Texas Legislature, to create a statewide infrastructure of resources, awareness, connection, and coordination to address sex crimes locally. The SART is separate from any child, teen, or multidisciplinary team, strictly for adults.

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A discussion was held regarding possible regional SART's. Ms. Haley extended an offer to assist those interested in setting up a regional SART.

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The nomination letter was read aloud during the meeting, followed by the award presentation to Judge Williamson.

### **Announcements**

Judge Williamson announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center, 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt Pleasant, Texas, and via teleconference/webinar.

With no further announcements, Judge Williamson adjourned the meeting.

#### **NETEDD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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## NETEDD REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM

NETEDD Update for RLF loan programs:

Recently Funded:

NETEDD COVID RLF: Phoenix Skool Buses-remodel repurposed school buses for RV use Closed in January, 2022.

NETEDD RLF: Phinisse Farms and Winery-local winery with store front in Sulphur Springs Square closed February, 2022.

We are working with two of our SBDC locations regarding multiple prospects at this time.

All Federal COVID RLF Funds are now fully utilized. Utilization funded the following projects:

Coppertop Outdoors	\$25,000	Payment start 1/1/21
Caffe Crema	\$50,000	4/1/21
Truck n' Awesome	\$300,000	Payment start 8/1/21
<u>Phoenix Skool Buses</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>Interest only 12 mo. Regular payments begin February, 2023 (aligned with bank)</u>
Total Funded:	\$500,000	

NETEDD Revolving Loan Fund 08-57-02889, that was created by merging NETEDD RFL and CTEDD RLF in 2020, received the formal Release of EDA Federal interest in the Revolving Loan Fund Award on March 17, 2022. NETEDD will continue to award funds that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA through revolving loan fund projects. NETEDD Board will approve future NETEDD RLF plan updates. Reporting to EDA will no longer be required but periodic inquiries will be responded to in a timely and accurate manner.

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L.D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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ARK-TEX AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)  
Regional Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Regional Advisory Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the Titus Medical Plaza in Mount Pleasant, Texas and via video conference call. Tammy Lawing, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Jenny Butler, AAA Coordinator, called roll. Regional Advisory Council members present were as follows:

Judge Robert Newsom, Elected Official  
Brenda Davis, Bowie County Representative  
Charles Jordan, General Public Representative  
Ruth Brown, Healthcare Representative  
Tammy Lawing, Chairperson, Red River County Representative  
Judge Lynda Cox, Morris County Representative  
Paul Lindsey, Titus County Representative  
Barbara Williams, Texas Silver Haired Legislature  
Rhonda Rogers, Texas Silver Haired Legislature

It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

A motion was made by Charles Jordan to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021, meeting. Motion was seconded by Ruth Brown. All members present were in favor.

**New VA Clinic**

Lisa Reeve, AAA Director, introduced Charles Jordan, Administrative Officer at the Veterans Affairs Clinic. Mr. Jordan shared information regarding the new VA clinic that is opening soon in Texarkana, Texas. Construction is complete and the project has come in under the planned budget. They are currently getting the final steps complete such as installing light fixtures and furnishings. The new facility will be double the current space, which is located in Texarkana, Arkansas. The new location plans to open in Spring/Summer 2022, pending completion of final projects. There will be a significant hiring effort to increase staff by 50% due to new and current pilot programs such as optometry, x-ray, podiatry, and orthopedic services. There will also be a new gym run by the physical therapy department. The optometry pilot program will include eye exams and a kiosk system that would enable glasses to be ordered on-site and sent in the mail to the veteran instead of having to go pick them up. The clinic currently sees veterans come from as far as the Sulphur Springs and Greenville area. They expect that number to increase as well. Mr. Jordan invited the RAC members to the grand opening of the new VA clinic.

**ATCOG Homeland Security - Overview**

Lisa introduced Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Program Coordinator. Ms. Fezell shared a PowerPoint presentation that included details of all the training and services offered through the Homeland Security program. These services include Web EOC, which is a program through the State of Texas that was used heavily during the COVID pandemic. Agencies can order PPE (personal protection equipment) and request additional resources from the state. StormReady is a preparedness program through the National Weather Service that allows agencies and companies prepare for extreme weather in their communities. Skywarn classes are also an available resource through the National Weather Service that allows civilians to become a volunteer storm spotter to help keep local communities safe by reporting severe weather. Other important services offered is the Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR) course designed to improve integration between law enforcement, fire, tele-communicator, and emergency medical services in an active attack or shooter event.

Whitney shared several training options available to all emergency agencies, schools, safety personnel, and emergency preparedness. She is able to help agencies and individuals interested in the training programs become registered for events. The Homeland Security program can also assist agencies, including non-profit agencies, apply for grant programs that would help get equipment for first responders.

**AAA Updates**

Lisa Reeve shared that the Opioid Grant the AAA had applied for was finally approved. The delay was due to a waiver regarding a smoking policy requirement at ATCOG. This grant will enable the AAA to hire three new staff as instructors for Tai Ji Quan. Lisa plans on bringing the Tai Ji Quan trainer from Oregon to Texarkana to train the new instructors.

A Matter of Balance, an evidence-based program, has begun in Texarkana and is doing very well. The AAA is working on expanding all evidence-based program services.

Texas Senior Medicare Patrol is also awarding the AAA with an \$8,000 grant to help provide education and outreach to seniors regarding fraud and scams. Overall outreach for the AAA programs has increased as well due to more agencies and events opening up in the region.

The AAA closeout budget for FY21 should be complete next week.

**Announcements**

Rhonda Rogers stated that the new Texas Silver Haired Legislature website is now up and running. She encouraged the members to take a look at all the changes. It will be updated with information regularly. Rhonda stated they will be recruiting new members and offered to speak at any groups in the region.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Charles Jordan and seconded by Ruth Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. The next RAC meeting is June 2, 2022.

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Tammy Lawing, Chairperson

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Date

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 17, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee was called to order by **Whitney Fezell** at 10:04 a.m., February 17, 2022, at Via zoom online.

**Whitney Fezell** provided the minutes from December 16, 2021 meeting, **Eric Schlotter** made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Lance Hall** and approved by majority.

**Whitney Fezell** provided the committee with a homeland security update. The committee was informed that projects has to be scored, prioritized and approved by the governing board prior to the mid-March upload deadline. The committee was informed that we will consider using a COG imposed deadline to meet these criteria.

The first voting item on the agenda was to prioritize FY2022 State Homeland Security Program funding projects via ballot. Each applicant that was present provided a detailed description of their project. **Whitney Fezell** explained the ballot and the scoring process. **Whitney Fezell** informed members that ballots must be complete and signed to be accepted. **Eric Schlotter** made the motion to accept the ballots as the FY2022 prioritization listing, Motion seconded by **Randy Tuttle** and approved by the majority.

**Becky Wilbanks** opened the floor for questions and discussion.

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**Whitney Fezell** announced the next repeater test on March 1st at 9am

**Whitney Fezell** announced Alert Training March 22-23, 2022 @ Mt. Pleasant Civic Center

**Whitney Fezell** announced that SERI applications are due to COG by February 28, 2022

Motion to adjourn was made by **Randy Tuttle** and seconded by **Danny Richard** and approved by majority.

**ATTENDING:**

Whitney Fezell – ATCOG Homeland Security Coordinator

Becky Wilbanks- Cass County Judge

Danny Richard- City of Daingerfield

Jason Ricketson- EMC- City of Sulphur Springs Police Department

Tanner Crump- Sheriff's Captain- Hopkins County

Lance Hall- EMC- Bowie County

Danny Richard-VFD-City of Daingerfield

Tanner Crump-Hopkins County SO  
Tanner Crutcher- EMC- Delta County  
Quincy Blount- Lamar County EMC  
Andy Endsley- Hopkins County EMC  
Eric Schlotter- City of Texarkana EMC

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**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG)  
REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC)  
March 17, 2022  
Mt. Pleasant Library**

**MINUTES**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) met March 17, 2022 2:00 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant Library, 213 N. Madison, Mt. Pleasant, TX and was also available in a hybrid format via ZOOM.

Darrell Bruce, Chairman, welcomed everyone on the call, thanked members for hanging on through the technical difficulties, thanked the library staff for their assistance and called the meeting to order.

Patricia Haley announced newly appointed members to the committee, thanked those who agreed to be reappointed for the new term, and performed a roll call to record those present on the teleconference. There were a total of 17 present in-person and on the teleconference (one joined during the meeting, after the roll call to make the total 18), with a quorum met.

Chairman, Darrell Bruce, opened the floor to receive nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman to serve the new 2022-2023 term. Cynthia Humphries nominated Angela Price for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Cynthia Humphries to cease nominations and accept Angela Price as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Doug Bowers. The motion carried with none opposed. Chairman, Darrell Bruce, opened the floor to receive nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman to serve the new 2022-2023 term (previous 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman is no longer on the committee so the previous 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman will assume the Chairman. Chairman, Darrell Bruce, opened the floor to receive nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman to serve the new 2022-2023 term. Doug Bowers nominated Bob Hundley for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Doug Bowers to cease nominations and accept Bob Hundley as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Richard Salter. The motion carried with none opposed. Upon completion of the meeting, Max Cannaday (previously 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman) will assume the Chairman duties and will conduct the next meeting.

The minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Max Cannaday and seconded by Mark Buhman to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Patricia Haley presented the necessary updates for the Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) scoring instruments, to be incorporated into the RCJAC application scoring process. The

scoring instruments were reviewed and a motion was made by Shawn Roden and seconded by Richard Salter to approve the scoring instruments. The motion carried.

In other business/announcements, Patricia Haley noted the change of dates for the upcoming RCJAC Scoring Meeting/Presentations Meeting (was tentatively scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> and now scheduled for March 31, 2022 to allow more time between meetings for tabulating scores) and the RCJAC Funding Recommendations Meeting (was tentatively scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and now scheduled for April 5, 2022).

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Bowers and seconded by Trice Lawrence. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trice Lawrence, Hopkins County Concerned Citizen  
Darrell Bruce, Lamar County Juvenile Probation  
Terri Giles, Bowie County Adult Probation  
Doug Bowers, City of Nash  
Max Cannaday, Mt. Vernon ISD Police Department  
Robert McGee, Queen City Chief of Police  
Bob Hundley, Lamar County Concerned Citizen  
Sherry Edwards, Red River County Juvenile Probation  
Mark Buhman, Mt. Pleasant Chief of Police  
Jack Martin, Morris County Sheriff  
Richard Salter, Paris Chief of Police  
Scott Dupree, Cass County Juvenile Probation  
Cynthia Humphries, Delta County Representative/Attorney  
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge  
Angela Price, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office  
Shawn Roden, Red River County Constable  
Clint Bain, Titus County Sheriff's Office

**STAFF PRESENT**

Patricia Haley, ATCOG staff

## Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division CJAC Application Score Sheet

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<b>COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH (CSEY) ADVOCATES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the applicant provide full-time CSEY Advocates with experience responding to survivors in crisis 24/7?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners; specifically its local care coordination advisory council? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, shelters/placements, etc)	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, capabilities (24/7 Crisis Response) and resources to accomplish its intended goal?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant successfully describe its usage of Evidence-Based Models; specifically long-term, trust-based relationships & case management for survivors up through age 21?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
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<b>Printed Name of CJAC Member</b>	<b>Signature of CJAC Member</b>		

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<b>DROP-IN CENTERS/NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT CENTERS/STREET OUTREACH:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
2. Does the applicant provide for physical safety, basic needs, medical and mental health, case management and connecting activities for youth walk-ins and/or drop-offs?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, shelters/placements, etc)		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, capabilities and resources to accomplish its intended goal?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
5. Does the applicant successfully describe evidence-based site-based services for walk-ins, drop-offs, and as applicable street outreach programming?		1.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the applicant provide trauma-responsive case management, wraparound services, and crisis services?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, CSEY Advocates, etc)	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, residential treatment or therapeutic foster care capabilities (long-term), and resources to accomplish its intended goal?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant successfully describe its usage of Evidence-Based and/or Promising Practice Models?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
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<b>EMERGENCY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the shelter provide basic needs, safety planning, case management, empowering activities; specifically strategies to promote victim's safety?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, CSEY Advocates, etc)	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, capabilities (24/7 Emergency Shelter), and resources to accomplish its intended goal?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant provide evidence-based clinical and behavioral services?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
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<b>SPECIALIZED TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
2. Does the applicant have experience providing identical or similar services for victims of trafficking, sexual assault, or exploitation?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
3. Does the applicant have certification in and experience providing counseling and/or other therapeutic services with individuals experiencing symptoms of Complex-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (C-PTSD) and similar conditions?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
4. Does the applicant demonstrate ability to provide services that are responsive to survivors' needs such as crisis support, flexible hours, or off-site service delivery?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
5. Does the applicant successfully describe its usage of Evidence-Based and/or Promising Practice Models?		1.00	
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<b>INNOVATIVE SERVICES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the applicant demonstrate experience providing identical or similar services for adult or youth victims of trafficking, sexual assault, or exploitation in the same or nearby county in which innovative services are proposed OR have endorsement by local trafficking coalition, task force, or care coordination team that includes law enforcement, for the innovative service proposed?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant designate the organization(s) and program(s) that will benefit directly from this innovative service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant identify the target population that will benefit and the survivor outcomes that will be different as a result of this innovation?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant identify research that supports the effectiveness of the service for victims of commercial sexual exploitation?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
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**2021 Council of Governments’  
Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review  
(SPR), and THSSP Implementation Plan (IP)  
Feedback Report**

**Council of Governments: Ark-Tex**

**Date of Review: 02/10/2022**

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
<b>Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (15 points + possible 2 bonus points)</b>			
0-4	<b>A minimum of four (4) Scenarios addressed that provide level of detail in accordance with CPG 201 v.3</b>	4	4 scenarios provided, all of which feature enough detail to facilitate impact modeling, where appropriate.
0-3	<b>Standardized Impact Estimates provided for each Threat/Hazard Scenario, including scenario-appropriate impact categories</b>	3	Standardized Impact Estimates have been provided for each scenario, see reasonable, and reflect good stakeholder engagement.
+2	<b>Sources Used to Develop Context Description and Calculate Impacts Provided</b>	2	Great level of detail here.
0-4	<b>Standardized Capability Targets completed for all 32 Core Capabilities, indicating level to which the Region intends to build</b>	4	This has been done for all 32 Core Capabilities, and the entries seem reasonable.
0-4	<b>Capability Target Context statements provide logic behind the Capability Target numbers</b>	4	Capability Target Context entries are well-stated and clearly explain the Capability target

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			numbers, reflecting solid stakeholder engagement. Excellent work here.
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>17</b>	
<b>Stakeholder Preparedness Review (15 points)</b>			
<b>0-2</b>	<b>Capability Target language for each Core Capability cut-and-pasted from the THIRA for all 32 Core Capabilities</b>	2	This has been done throughout the SPR.
<b>0-2</b>	<b>Estimate of Current Capability uses same standardized language as the Capability Target for all 32 Core Capabilities</b>	1.5	This has been done throughout the SPR.  Avoid using ranges for entries, as on pg. 40 (“Within 48-72 hours of an incident, complete the recovery, identification, and mortuary services, including temporary storage services, for 20 fatalities”) and pg. 44. Just go with the highest number (“Within 72 hours of an incident...”)
<b>0-5</b>	<b>Capability Change Description provided for all 32 Core Capabilities, describing any significant changes to the region’s capability levels over the last year</b>	5	Capability Change Description entries have been completed for all 32 Core Capabilities, and demonstrate a high level of detail and stakeholder engagement. Excellent work.
<b>0-6</b>	<b>Capability Gaps clearly identify region-specific needs, including gaps for aspects of the Core Capability beyond areas covered in the Capability Targets, as applicable</b>	6	POETE charts clearly explain relevant capability gaps for each Core Capability, and demonstrate a high level of stakeholder engagement.
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>14.5</b>	
<b>Implementation Plan (15 points)</b>			

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0-2	Used the proper report format per 2022 IP template	2	Proper format used.
0-1	In Section II, identify recent trends. <i>(Consider demographics, impacts of weather, changes in industry, terrorist threats and criminal activity.)</i>	1	Trends discussed in the Threats and Hazards section.  Consider adding some discussion of demographic trends in the Regional Overview section, perhaps drawn from 2020 census data.
0-1	Listed highest overall Priorities for the region in Section III Overview	1	This has been done.
0-1	At least 5 HSSP objectives addressed in Section III	1	14 Objectives addressed.
0-2	Provided Recent Accomplishments (per each objective)	2	Recent accomplishments have been provided for each objective addressed.  Consider adding timeframes (month/year) for each accomplishment, where possible.
0-2	Listed quality performance measures (per each objective)	2	Performance measures are measurable and reasonable.
0-4	POETE Charts provide detailed information on: tasks, responsible agency(s), dollar amounts of grants or other funding, source of funding, date of completion/milestones	4	Great level of detail in the POETE charts, demonstrating solid stakeholder inputs and a clear vision of what the region plans to accomplish in the 2022.
0-2	Implementation Plan makes sense as a whole	2	IP definitely makes sense. Excellent work.
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>46.5</b>	

## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 10:**

Review and consider approval of the Cass County nomination to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) through December 31, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The members of the RCJAC are appointed or reappointed at the beginning of each even-numbered year. County members are nominated by their respective County Judges, and there are also nine regional representatives (one for county in ATCOG region) nominated by ATCOG Criminal Justice Staff. New members are also nominated/appointed as vacancies occur.

### **DISCUSSION:**

A vacancy exists on the RCJAC for Cass County in the County Membership section. Judge Wilbanks has nominated Chief Deputy Rex Bloodworth (Cass County Sheriff's Office) to represent Cass County in the category of "Law Enforcement". Chief Deputy Bloodworth also held the positions of Cass County Mental Health Deputy and Patrol Sergeant before being promoted to Chief Deputy in January 2022.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-07**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC) MEMBERS TO SERVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) is an advisory subcommittee of the ATCOG Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the RCJAC membership is required by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office to conduct the necessary business related to service deliverables in our OOG/ATCOG Interlocal Agreement.; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy existed on the RCJAC for Cass County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Deputy was nominated to represent Cass County and fill the vacancy on the RCJAC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors approves the RCJAC nomination of Rex Bloodworth (Cass County) to serve through December 31, 2023.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the RCJAC nominations.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

  

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## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 11:**

Review and consider approval of the revisions to the RCJAC Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) grant application scoring instrument.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The scoring instruments are very important tools used by the RCJAC to review and score the criminal justice grant applications from OOG/PSO/CJD. The RCJAC conducts a review of the scoring instruments for each fund source and makes revisions as necessary.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Necessary revisions to the scoring instruments were reviewed and approved by the RCJAC, to be incorporated into the application scoring process, as required by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office (CJD). The Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office/Criminal Justice Division updated the core elements for each type of Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) project. Therefore, it was necessary to update all of the score sheets. However, the RCJAC will only use one of those score sheets for each applicant in the scoring process, which will be the score sheet reflecting the primary activity of the applicant.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division  
CJAC Application Score Sheet**

<b>Funding Opportunity:</b>	Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Applicant Agency:</b>			
<b>Project Title:</b>			
<b>Application Number:</b>			
<b>Amount Requested:</b>		<b>Total Score:</b>	
<i>If you have a conflict of interest you are exempt from scoring or commenting on the application in conflict.</i>			
<b>INSTRUCTIONS: Assign up to 5 total points (with 5 being the highest/best) for project's consistency with applicable core elements. Examples: If all core elements are present and clear in their project/program, the applicant should receive a score of 5. If one core element is absent or unclear, the score should be 4.</b>			
<b>COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH (CSEY) ADVOCATES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the applicant provide full-time CSEY Advocates with experience responding to survivors in crisis 24/7?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners; specifically its local care coordination advisory council? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, shelters/placements, etc)	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, capabilities (24/7 Crisis Response) and resources to accomplish its intended goal?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant successfully describe its usage of Evidence-Based Models; specifically long-term, trust-based relationships & case management for survivors up through age 21?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<i>List any missing or unclear core element(s) that caused a reduction in score (if any): (Example: "#4", "none")</i>			
<p align="center"><i>By entering your name below, you are certifying that the above scores are your own. If attending in-person, the score sheet must be signed and submitted, in-person or via email. If attending via ZOOM, the score sheet must be signed and submitted via email. For electronic submission to be considered valid, this electronically signed form must be submitted by the the scorer via email.</i></p>			
<b>Printed Name of CJAC Member</b>	<b>Signature of CJAC Member</b>		

## CJAC Application Score Sheet Continued

<b>Funding Opportunity:</b>	Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Applicant Agency:</b>			
<b>Project Title:</b>			
<b>Application Number:</b>			
Amount Recommended for Funding: (If different than requested amount)	\$		
Comments:			
Check If Exempt <input type="checkbox"/>			
Reason: _____ _____			

## CJAC Application Score Sheet Continued

<b>Funding Opportunity:</b>	Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Applicant Agency:</b>			
<b>Project Title:</b>			
<b>Application Number:</b>			
<b>Amount Requested:</b>		<b>Total Score:</b>	
<i>If you have a conflict of interest you are exempt from scoring or commenting on the application in conflict.</i>			
<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Assign up to 5 total points (with 5 being the highest/best) for project's consistency with applicable core elements. <i>Examples: If all core elements are present and clear in their project/program, the applicant should receive a score of 5. If one core element is absent or unclear, the score should be 4.</i>			
<b>DROP-IN CENTERS/NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT CENTERS/STREET OUTREACH:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?		1.00	0.00
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
2. Does the applicant provide for physical safety, basic needs, medical and mental health, case management and connecting activities for youth walk-ins and/or drop-offs?		1.00	0.00
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, shelters/placements, etc)		1.00	0.00
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, capabilities and resources to accomplish its intended goal?		1.00	0.00
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
5. Does the applicant successfully describe evidence-based site-based services for walk-ins, drop-offs, and as applicable street outreach programming?		1.00	0.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>List any missing or unclear core element(s) that caused a reduction in score (if any): (Example: "#4", "none")</i>			
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<b>Project Title:</b>			
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Amount Recommended for Funding: (If different than requested amount)		\$	
Comments:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check If Exempt  Reason: _____  _____			

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<b>LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the applicant provide trauma-responsive case management, wraparound services, and crisis services?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, CSEY Advocates, etc)	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, residential treatment or therapeutic foster care capabilities (long-term), and resources to accomplish its intended goal?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant successfully describe its usage of Evidence-Based and/or Promising Practice Models?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
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<b>EMERGENCY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the shelter provide basic needs, safety planning, case management, empowering activities; specifically strategies to promote victim's safety?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant describe its formal partners? (i.e. Law Enforcement, DFPS, CSEY Advocates, etc)	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant have the adequate personnel, experience, capabilities (24/7 Emergency Shelter), and resources to accomplish its intended goal?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant provide evidence-based clinical and behavioral services?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<i>List any missing or unclear core element(s) that caused a reduction in score (if any): (Example: "#4", "none")</i>			
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<b>SPECIALIZED TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
2. Does the applicant have experience providing identical or similar services for victims of trafficking, sexual assault, or exploitation?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
3. Does the applicant have certification in and experience providing counseling and/or other therapeutic services with individuals experiencing symptoms of Complex-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (C-PTSD) and similar conditions?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
4. Does the applicant demonstrate ability to provide services that are responsive to survivors' needs such as crisis support, flexible hours, or off-site service delivery?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
5. Does the applicant successfully describe its usage of Evidence-Based and/or Promising Practice Models?		1.00	
		<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>Project Title:</b>			
<b>Application Number:</b>			
Amount Recommended for Funding: (If different than requested amount)		\$	
Comments:			
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<b>Applicant Agency:</b>			
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<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Assign up to 5 total points (with 5 being the highest/best) for project's consistency with applicable core elements. <i>Examples: If all core elements are present and clear in their project/program, the applicant should receive a score of 5. If one core element is absent or unclear, the score should be 4.</i>			
<b>INNOVATIVE SERVICES:</b>			
<b>Core elements / what to look for:</b>	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
1. Does the applicant demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problem; does it cover a gap in service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
2. Does the applicant demonstrate experience providing identical or similar services for adult or youth victims of trafficking, sexual assault, or exploitation in the same or nearby county in which innovative services are proposed OR have endorsement by local trafficking coalition, task force, or care coordination team that includes law enforcement, for the innovative service proposed?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
3. Does the applicant designate the organization(s) and program(s) that will benefit directly from this innovative service?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
4. Does the applicant identify the target population that will benefit and the survivor outcomes that will be different as a result of this innovation?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
5. Does the applicant identify research that supports the effectiveness of the service for victims of commercial sexual exploitation?	1.00		
	<b>Max Points Allowed</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<i>List any missing or unclear core element(s) that caused a reduction in score (if any): (Example: "#4", "none")</i>			
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## CJAC Application Score Sheet Continued

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<b>Applicant Agency:</b>			
<b>Project Title:</b>			
<b>Application Number:</b>			
Amount Recommended for Funding: (If different than requested amount)		\$	
Comments:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check If Exempt  Reason: _____  _____			

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE REVISIONS OF THE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC) RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) SCORING INSTRUMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) is an advisory subcommittee of the ATCOG Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the scoring instruments are very important tools used by the RCJAC to review and score the criminal justice grant applications from Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approved the CSE scoring instruments as shown on the attachment and previously recommended/approved by the RCJAC; and

Section 2 - That all other CSE scoring instruments adopted by the ATCOG Board of Directors are now null and void.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 12:**

Review and consider approval for the ATCOG Executive Director to submit applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds to the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grant Division.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) is soliciting applications for Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant. The Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure funds are to support projects that support State and regional efforts to improve or sustain interoperable emergency radio infrastructure.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The State requires that each applicant submit a resolution with the application for funding, signifying that the applicant's governing body approves of the agency applying for the funding and is willing to abide by the grant requirements.

ATCOG is applying for funding on behalf of jurisdictions in the ATCOG region. Projects include the following:

Delta County	\$196,068.86	1 dispatch console, 8 base radios
Delta County	\$487,182.00	2 towers, 2 communication shelters, 2 repeaters
Franklin County	\$181,486.25	4 repeaters
Hopkins County	\$224,637.00	2 dispatch consoles, 9 base radios, 9 mobile gateways
Sulphur Springs	\$224,637.00	2 dispatch consoles, 9 base radios, 9 mobile gateways
Lamar County	\$962,564.50	1 tower, 1 communication shelter, 6 repeaters, 1 generator

ATCOG will write and administer all of the emergency radio infrastructure grants on behalf of each county.

If awarded, the projects will provide jurisdictions with emergency radio equipment to improve communications and interoperability.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY22 STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Delta County that the ATCOG-Delta County Emergency Radio Infrastructure Console project be operated from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor if applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, ATCOG Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on the behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the submission of an application for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining the submission of applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY22 STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Delta County that the ATCOG-Delta County Emergency Radio Infrastructure project be operated from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor if applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, ATCOG Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the submission of an application for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining the submission of applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY22 STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin County that the ATCOG-Franklin County Emergency Radio Infrastructure project be operated from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor if applicable;

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, ATCOG Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full;

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the submission of an application for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining the submission of applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-12**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY22 STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hopkins County that the ATCOG-Hopkins County Emergency Radio Infrastructure project be operated from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor if applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, ATCOG Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the submission of an application for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining the submission of applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-13**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY22 STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Sulphur Springs that the ATCOG-Sulphur Springs Emergency Radio Infrastructure project be operated from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor if applicable;

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, ATCOG Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full;

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the submission of an application for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining the submission of applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

  

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY22 STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Lamar County that the ATCOG-Lamar County Emergency Radio Infrastructure project be operated from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor if applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, ATCOG Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the submission of an application for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining the submission of applications for FY22 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 13:**

Review and consider approval of the purchase and installation of radio infrastructure equipment in Red River County.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Red River County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) evaluated the county's communication system and determined that a new radio tower was needed due to the age and condition of the existing tower. Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Homeland Security Program secured funding through the Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant for projects that support state and regional efforts to improve or sustain interoperable emergency radio infrastructure. ATCOG was awarded \$130,798 for the Red River County tower project. ATCOG solicited bids in 2021, but received no bids to complete the project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

ATCOG Homeland Security Program solicited bids again in January 2022 for the purchase and installation of:

1 (one) 340 ft guy wire radio tower with strobe technology, relocation of existing radio equipment to the new tower, as well as, demolition of the existing 260 ft guy wire tower.

ATCOG staff and the Red River County Sheriff and EMC reviewed and scored the proposals. The vendor NueComm was selected as a result of the scores. The total estimated cost of the project is \$233,349. The grant will cover \$130,798 of the expenses, and the remaining costs will be the responsibility of Red River County. The start and completion of this project is contingent upon Red River County Commissioner's Court approving and agreeing that Red River County will pay any and all costs over the grant allocated amount of \$130,798.

The ATCOG Procurement Policy states that all purchases of \$50,000 and above require ATCOG Board approval.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT IN RED RIVER COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) approved the ATCOG Procurement Policy and Procedure Manual on December 14, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Procurement Policy and Procedure Manual states ATCOG Board approval is required for all purchases of \$50,000 and above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeland Security Program needs to purchase and install radio infrastructure equipment for Red River County to improve the quality of emergency radio service; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be funded by the Texas Office of the Governor Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure Grant and Red River County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the purchase and installation of radio infrastructure equipment in Red River County.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the purchase and installation of radio infrastructure equipment in Red River County.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 15:**

Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Altech, Inc not to exceed \$600,000 to complete renovations at the Texarkana office building.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The ATCOG office needs additional space for GIS equipment and operations. The building itself also needs maintenance upgrades such as new fascia boards, paint, roof repairs, windows, and some drainage improvements. ATCOG procured an architect in August to complete the design of the renovations and see the project through to completion.

### **DISCUSSION:**

ATCOG conducted a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals to procure a contractor to complete the renovation project and received two bids. ATCOG staff reviewed each bid and discussed the results with the Architect. ATCOG has selected Altech, Inc to complete the project and is requesting approval to proceed with the contract not to exceed \$600,000. Funding for the renovations will be provided through the Commission on State Emergency Communications (approximately \$300,000) and local funds (approximately \$300,000), pending ATCOG Board of Directors approval. All federal, state, and local regulations were and will continue to be followed during the procurement process. Additional details and drawings will be provided at the meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-16**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALTECH, INC NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 TO COMPLETE RENOVATIONS AT THE TEXARKANA OFFICE BUILDING.**

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG needs additional space for 9-1-1 GIS equipment and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the building itself also needs maintenance upgrades such as new fascia boards, paint, roof repairs, windows, and some drainage improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG procured an architect in August to complete the design of the renovations and see the project through to completion; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the renovations will be provided through the Commission on State Emergency Communications and local funds; and

**WHEREAS**, all federal, state and local regulations will be followed during the procurement process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director enter into a contract with Altech, Inc not to exceed \$600,000 to complete renovations at the Texarkana office building.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the contract.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD22-17**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) is a political subdivision of the State serving Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus, Texas counties and Miller County, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG is committed to providing a high-quality emergency communications system to the residents of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG recognizes the professional and unending services of the telecommunicators who answer 9-1-1 calls on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 telecommunicators are the link between people calling for help in an emergency situation and the emergency response agencies who arrive on the scene; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 telecommunicators are the true backbone of the 9-1-1 system; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has historically acknowledged the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That, on behalf of the telecommunicators in the ATCOG region, the ATCOG Board of Directors hereby declares the week of April 10-16, 2022, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Section 2 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors encourages all local governments to sign a similar resolution and all 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Centers to celebrate this week with appropriate activities and commemorations.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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