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## Emergency Management Colleagues:

On August 3d, 2010, the President declared a major disaster (FEMA-1931-DR), due to the damages and flooding resulting from Hurricane Alex. Due to this declaration, Texas is authorized federal funds through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This program is a 75/25 federal /local cost-share reimbursement grant program established by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and administered by the State of Texas.

The HMGP is a mitigation grant with a single mission to provide a means to:

- \* prevent or reduce future losses to lives and property through the identification and funding of cost-effective mitigation.
- \* minimize the costs of future disaster response and recovery.

The HMGP can fund mitigation measures that protect both public and private property, so long as the measures fit within the overall mitigation strategy for the disaster area, are cost effective, and comply with all federal and state program guidelines. Common mitigation projects are: property acquisition, storm water improvements, building wind retrofits, and tornado safe rooms.

All eligible applicants, which include local governments, state agencies, certain non-profit organizations and institutions, and Indian tribes or authorized tribal organizations are invited and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and apply for HMGP funds. These funds will be allocated to applicants based on a competitive application process.

If your organization is interested in participating in the HMGP process, you are invited to submit a Notice of Interest to be postmarked by midnight on October 22, 2010 by mail e-mail or fax. Mail - Texas Hazard Mitigation Officer, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management, P.O. Box 4087, Austin, TX 78773-0226; E-mail - to any of the addresses below; Fax - to (512) 424-5959.

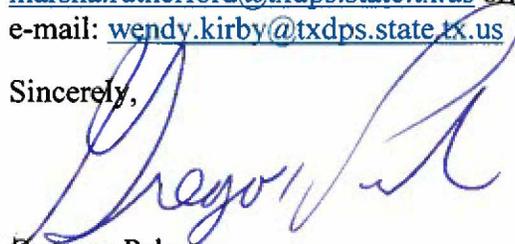
The HMGP application deadline for this disaster will be midnight on January 21st, 2011.

Detailed information including an HMGP Fact Sheet and the forms to use for development and submission of both a notice of interest (NOI) and a complete HMGP application, are available on

the Department of Public Safety/Texas Division of Emergency Management website located at the following address: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/downloadableforms.htm>

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact: Mitigation Grants Officer Hildy Soper at (512) 424-2454, Blackberry (512) 284-1725 or by e-mail: [hildy.soper@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:hildy.soper@txdps.state.tx.us) Alternative contacts are: Mitigation Specialist Marsha Rutherford at (512) 424-5489 or by e-mail: [marsha.rutherford@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:marsha.rutherford@txdps.state.tx.us) or: Mitigation Specialist Wendy Kirby at (512) 424-5478 or by e-mail: [wendy.kirby@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:wendy.kirby@txdps.state.tx.us)

Sincerely,



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