

PUBLIC NOTICE

**DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
PROPOSED APPLICATION
for
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
MITIGATION (MIT) FUNDS**

Funding Agency: Texas General Land Office

Program 2016 Floods State Mitigation
Competition – HUD MID

Proposed Project Broadband Telecommunications Project

DETCOG is proposing the submission of an application for CDBG-MIT grant funds under the 2016 Floods State Mitigation Competition. The application deadline is 5:00 P.M. on October 28, 2020. This application is one of two (2) separate applications DETCOG is proposing to submit for consideration under the 2016 Floods State Mitigation competition.

DETCOG encourages citizens to participate in the development of these applications and to make their views known by presenting their opinions, comments, and suggestions to Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director, Deep East Texas Council of Governments, 1405 Kurth Drive, Lufkin, Tx 75904-1929. Written comments must be received at the offices of Deep East Texas Council of Governments located at the above address by 4:30 p.m. on October 22, 2020 to be considered. For additional information, or to request a copy of the project synopsis via email please contact the DETCOG office at at 936-634-2247 or the grant administrator for the project, Mark Taylor at 903-581-0500 ext. 223.

This document presents the proposed **Broadband Telecommunications Project** located in **Newton County, Texas** and is organized in the following sections:

1. Description of Proposed Improvements
2. Proposed Project Budget
3. Project Beneficiaries Map & Data
4. Project Service Area Map

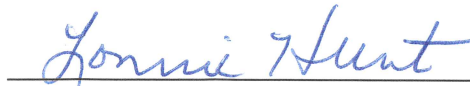
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Date: 10/08/2020

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Place: DETCOG OFFICES, 1405 Kurth Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904

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Name: Lonnie Hunt

Title: Executive Director, DETCOG

SECTION 1. Description of Proposed Improvements

Deep East Texas Council of Governments is requesting \$9,008,668 in CDBG MIT funds to be used in combination with \$90,067, in local matching funds provided by DETCOG resulting in a total Project cost of \$9,098,755 for construction/installation of the following broadband communications system infrastructure components;

- a) Capital leases to access/utilize twelve (12) existing cellular communications towers
- b) Installation of Thirty-seven (37) base stations
- c) Installation of Two (2) point-to-point microwave links
- d) One (1) access connection to existing internet backbone;
- e) Eighty-eight (88) miles of aerial fiber optic cable affixed to existing utility poles;
- f) Three (3) miles of underground fiber optic cable installed in existing public utility easements;
- g) One (1) Core equipment shelter w/Core equipment;
- h) Twelve (12) Edge equipment cabinets w/Edge equipment;
- i) Installation of residential customer access equipment at the homes of One Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen (1,416) at residential dwellings occupied by Low and Moderate Income households;
- j) Project engineering services; and
- k) Project grant administration services.

SECTION 2. Proposed Project Budget

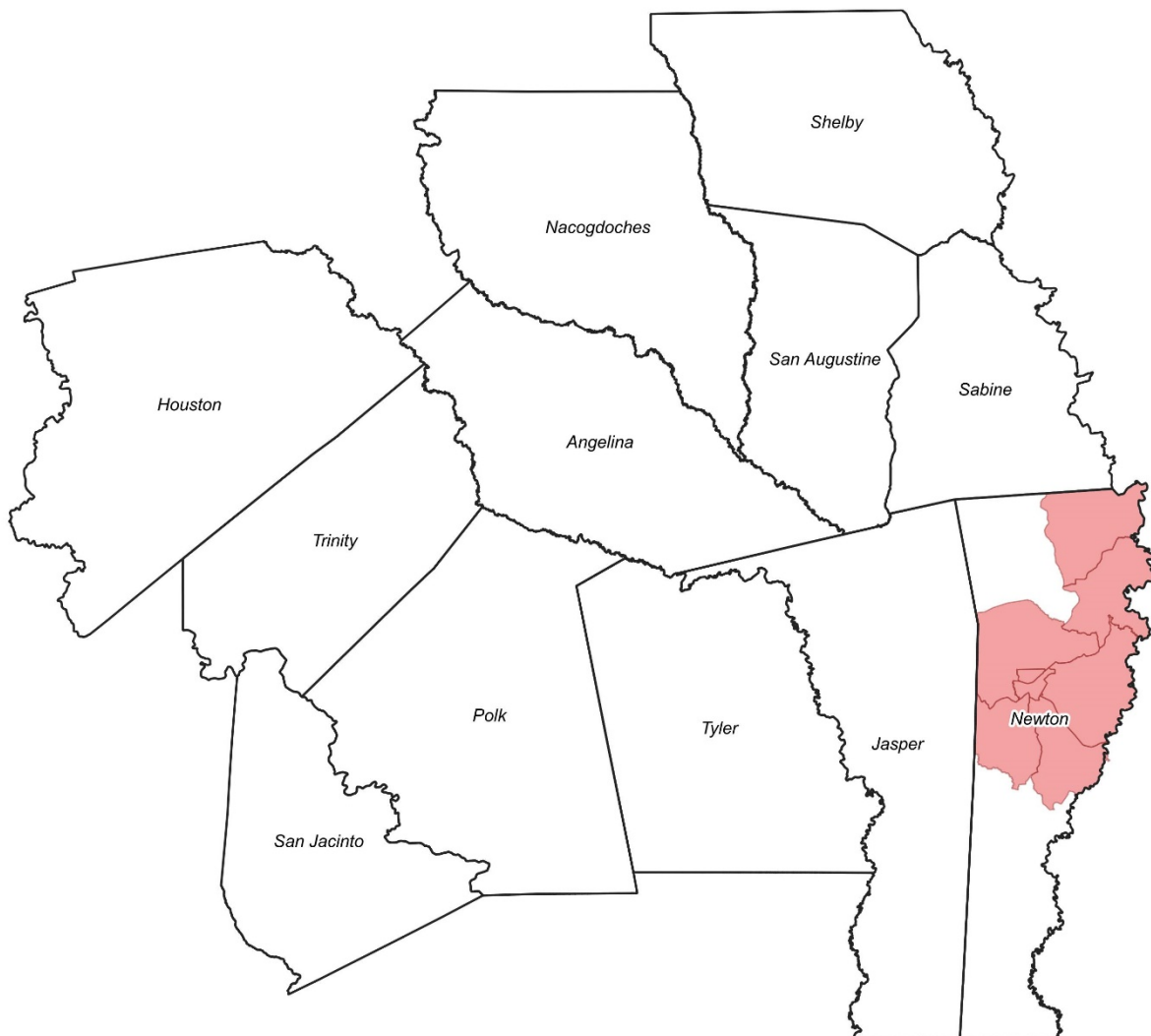
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Item	Units	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Tower Capital Leases	Ea	\$ 114,834	12	\$ 1,378,004
Base Stations	Ea	\$ 7,529	37	\$ 278,589
Point-To-Point Microwave Links	Ea	\$ 29,813	2	\$ 59,625
LMI Residential Customer Premise Access	Ea	\$ 489	1,416	\$ 692,318
Edge Equipment & Cabinets	Ea	\$ 7,751	12	\$ 93,015
Aerial Fiber Construction	Mi	\$ 48,893	88	\$ 4,302,540
Underground Fiber Construction	Mi	\$ 95,400	3	\$ 286,200
Core Equipment & Shelters	Ea	\$ 71,550	1	\$ 71,550
Access to Existing Internet Backbone	Ea	\$ 164,048	1	\$ 164,048
Subtotal				\$ 7,325,890
Engineering				\$ 1,098,883
Grant & Contract Administration				\$ 673,982
Grand Total				\$ 9,098,755

SECTION 3. Proposed Project Beneficiaries Data and Map

The proposed Project beneficiaries are located in northern Newton County, in the southeastern corner of the 12-county DETCOG region. Of the region's twelve counties, only Newton County received designation by HUD as MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (HUD-MID). Projects that benefit HUD-MID areas will receive greater consideration for funding than Projects benefiting State-designated MID areas and non-MID areas.

DETCOG's proposed 2016 Floods Statewide Mitigation Competition Project beneficiaries reside within eight (8) census block groups located in Newton County, as depicted by the shaded area on the following map of the DETCOG region:



Area of Proposed Beneficiaries (shaded)

Project Service Area Beneficiary Data	Value
Total Low/Mod Income Population	3,540
Total Population	6,710
Total Low/Mod Percentage	52.76%
Total Cost per Household	3,329.92
Total Cost Per Person	1,331.97

Section 4

