



Texas General Land Office

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 15, 2025

Texas General Land Office (GLO)

PO Box 12873

Austin, TX 78711-2873

512-475-5000

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the GLO.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 31, 2025, the GLO will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123) for the CDBG-MIT Program to undertake a project known as DETCOG LMI Broadband Telecommunications Infrastructure Project for the purpose of installing point-to-point microwave links and tower attachments to create a broadband network in San Augustine County, Texas. The total estimated funding for the Project is \$10,968,472.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The GLO on behalf of DETCOG has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Texas General Land Office's Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division, located at 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711-2873 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review electronically and can be requested at ENV.REVIEWS@RECOVERY.TEXAS.GOV



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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the GLO Community Development and Revitalization Program. Comments may be submitted to Mr. David Camarena at GLO via P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873 or by email to env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. All comments received by October 30, 2025, will be considered by the GLO prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The GLO on behalf of DETCOG certifies to HUD that Jet Hays in his capacity as Deputy Director of Integration, Community Development and Revitalization consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows GLO to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the GLO's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the GLO; (b) the GLO has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, DC 20410 or email DisasterRecovery@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jet Hays, Deputy Director of Integration

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