



# 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**

May 8, 2026

Texas General Land Office

1700 N. Congress Ave.

Austin, TX 78701-1495

(512) 475-3401

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Texas General Land Office.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 27, 2026, the Texas General Land Office as the Responsible Entity (RE) will submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT/ HUD) Contract# 24-065-081-E757, (HUD# B-18-DP-48-0002) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as Interoperable Radio Communications Infrastructure for the purpose of addressing current deficiencies in public safety communications across the counties of Sabine County and San Augustine County. This project will purchase and install Radio Frequency Antenna Systems and all associated appurtenances on existing communication towers. These systems will contain two to three (2-3) antennas, measuring approximately fifteen to twenty-five feet (15' – 25') in length and weighing approximately forty-five to sixty pounds (45 lbs. – 60 lbs.) each. Space on these existing towers will be acquired through capital leases for a period of at least 15 years. All existing towers range in height from approximately three hundred feet to five hundred feet (300' to 500').

In addition to the installation of Radio Frequency Antenna Systems, each existing tower site may also include, as needed, the installation of a one hundred feet to two hundred square feet (100 s.f. – 200 s.f.) prefabricated building, a fifteen to fifty-kilowatt (25 – 35



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kW) backup power generator, a five-hundred-gallon (500 gal.) propane tank, and any required concrete slabs. The maximum excavation depth at each site, if required, will be no more than five feet (5') to accommodate any buried conduit/cable installation. Utility services to each site, including electrical services and communications fiber, will be provided by third-party utility vendors on existing infrastructure owned by the utility service providers.

This project will also include the purchase and installation of Dispatch Communications Consoles for two (2) County Sheriff's Offices. Each location will receive one (1) two-place console at the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point). Most, if not all, of the installation activities will occur within the interior of the Sheriff's Office buildings. Some associated work, such as electrical, may occur on the exterior of the buildings. However, it is not anticipated that any new disturbances of dirt will occur with these console installations.

In addition to purchasing, installation, and acquisition activities, this project includes engineering, environmental, and grant administration services as well as construction, where needed, of the support infrastructure mentioned above (such as concrete slabs for emergency power generators, etc.). The total budget for these activities is \$4,568,750.00, all of which is funded by HUD.

This project will benefit 18,414 people, of whom 11,184 (60.73%) are of low-to-moderate income and all of whom reside in Sabine and San Augustine Counties

The project locations are as follows:

## **TOWER LOCATIONS**

<b>Tower ID (FCC Registration No.)</b>	<b>Location Address / Directions</b>	<b>Location Coordinates</b>	<b>Location County</b>
1027867	Texas Hwy. 103 at Texas Hwy. 147, McCuen, TX 75972	31.39991, 94.18713	-San Augustine



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1050355	FM 83 Between Pineland & Hemphill, Pineland, TX 75930	31.27772, 93.94158	-Sabine
1050358	329 Texas Hwy. 147 N., San Augustine, TX 75972	31.54708, 94.09663	-San Augustine

## ALTERNATE TOWER LOCATION

<b>Tower ID (FCC Registration No.)</b>	<b>Location Address / Directions</b>	<b>Location Coordinates</b>	<b>Location County</b>
1298133 <i>Alternate to 1050358</i>	1145 Texas Hwy. 21, San Augustine, TX 75972	31.52830, 94.07797	-San Augustine
1201407 <i>Alternate</i>	East of Hwy 87 (2 miles North), Milam, TX 75959	31.46266, 93.83211	-Sabine

## DISPATCH CENTERS

<b>Dispatch Center</b>	<b>Location Address</b>	<b>Location Coordinates</b>
Sabine County Sheriff's Office	310 Main Street, Hemphill, TX 75948	31.34263, -93.85014
San Augustine County Sheriff's Office	219 North Harrison Street, San	31.53297, -94.11065



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## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Texas General Land Office 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 Deep East Texas Council of Governments, Corporate Office, 1405 Kurth Dr, Lufkin, TX 75904, and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. The ERR is also on file at the GLO: 1700 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 9 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](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Texas General Land Office, David Camarena, Director of Environmental Oversight, Community Development and Revitalization, Texas General Land Office, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701-1495 or P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov). All comments received by May 26, 2026, will be considered by the Texas General Land Office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Texas General Land Office certifies to HUD that Jet Hays, in his capacity as Deputy Director of Program Integration, 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 the Deep East Texas Council of Governments to use Program funds.



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## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Texas General Land Office'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 Texas General Land Office ; (b) the RE 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 at: 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, DC 204010 or by email at [disasterrecovery@hud.gov](mailto:disasterrecovery@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jet Hays, Deputy Director of Program Integration, Texas General Land Office.