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**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Repairs 777 Homes Damaged by Hurricane Dolly**

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AUSTIN — Texas General Land Office Commissioner George P. Bush is pleased to announce that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) has successfully rehabilitated and reconstructed 777 homes damaged by Hurricane Dolly in 2008. The LRGVDC assisted eligible homeowners within Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties. A \$106 million grant for Hurricane Dolly homeowner housing recovery was administered by the LRGVDC to repair the homes.

"The success of this project highlights the significant collaboration that exists between local, state and federal partners in the Lower Rio Grande Valley," said Pete Phillips, GLO Deputy Director for Disaster Recovery. "Commissioner Bush has prioritized working together in order to have a positive effect on the lives of more than a thousand residents in this thriving community."

"The successful completion of this effort could not have been accomplished without regional support from Valley elected officials, the LRGVDC Board of Directors, and support from the Texas General Land Office and HUD," said LRGVDC Executive Director Kenneth N. Jones, Jr. "This was truly a team effort at all levels of government."

Yesterday the Texas General Land Office Disaster Recovery staff presented the LRGVDC a certificate for their extraordinary efforts in the delivery of quality homes and the completion of the grant during the LRGVDC Board of Directors meeting in Weslaco.

About GLO Disaster Recovery

The Texas General Land Office administers, on behalf of the State of Texas, community development block grant-disaster recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Texas was allocated \$3.1 billion for hurricanes Ike and Dolly and \$36.3 million as a result of the 2011 wildfires.

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