



April 19, 2013

Walter G. Diggles
Executive Director
Deep East Texas Council of Governments
210 Premier Drive
Jasper, Texas 75951

RE: Receipt of Needs Assessment for Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG)

Dear Mr. Diggles,

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is in receipt of DETCOG's Needs Assessment for Round 2 of the Disaster Recovery Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP), as of March 28, 2013. The Needs Assessment is required by the Conciliation Agreement and Round 2 Housing Guidelines.

It is important to note that the purpose of the Needs Assessment is to assist DETCOG in overcoming impediments to fair housing by ensuring that recovery efforts are focused upon those persons and locations with the greatest needs.

The Needs Assessment should include the following key elements:

- Address single family, multi-family, rental, and homeowner concerns;
- An analysis of the overall damages (at a minimum HUD/FEMA IA data, but may also include on-site visits to areas identified by public groups or elected officials) broken out by income category;
- An analysis of income categories of households in the community affected by the disaster, as evidenced by FEMA Claims or other GLO approved data, broken out by:
 - 0%-30% AMFI, very low income
 - 31%-50% AMFI, low income
 - 51%-80% AMFI, moderate income
- An analysis of the location of damages that remain unpaid (FEMA IA, SBA, Flood Insurance, and other federal or state claims);
- A break-out of areas identified as FEMA High Risk areas;
- A break-out of areas in the Subrecipient's region that have 2000 U.S. Census Neighborhood Block Groups with poverty concentrations of 35% or more; and

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- A break-out of areas in the Subrecipient's region that have 2001 U.S. Census Neighborhood Block Groups with minority (any combination of non-white or mixed race classifications) or ethnic group (white or non-white Hispanic) concentrations of 65% or greater.

DETCOG must ensure that all the bullets referenced above are incorporated into its needs assessment, specifically the needs for its region regarding its Single Family Rental Program.

DETCOG's Needs Assessment must comply with the requirements of the Conciliation Agreement. Please make the needs assessment available for a ten day local comment period (if applicable).

If you have any further questions please contact Kristina Loera at Kristina.loera@glo.texas.gov or (512) 861-4951.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jorge Ramirez, Director, Disaster Recovery Program