



July 2, 2013

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

Re: Housing Guidelines Waiver Request #1

Dear Mr. Diggles:

The Land Office approves the Deep East Texas Council of Governments' (DETCOG) April 9, 2013, Waiver Request #1 to revise the cost caps in local housing guidelines when determining rehabilitation versus reconstruction on single family homes. This revision modifies the language concerning single family home rehabilitation cost caps contained in Attachment A, section II.N of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Hurricanes Ike and Dolly Round 2 Housing Guidelines (the Housing Guidelines). Waiver Request #1 further elaborates on a rehabilitation feasibility analysis to assist in the determination of construction options available to affected homes.

The Land Office is pleased to approve this request. In so doing, the Land Office notes that on January 29, 2013, it approved an identical waiver request submitted by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC). As LRGVDC already has experience conducting rehabilitation feasibility analysis, DETCOG may find it useful to consult with its sister organization in standing up its own similar program.

Please update DETCOG's Round 2 Housing Guidelines with the waiver approval noted above, which must be posted on DETCOG's website.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact your Grant Manager, Kristina Loera, at (512) 861-4951.

Sincerely,


Jorge Ramirez
Senior Director, Disaster Recovery Program

cc: Kristina Loera, Grant Manager, Disaster Recovery Program