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## Grants & Research Analyst Position Added at ETCOG

*Monique Jackson of Tyler Hired*

**Kilgore, TX, December 8, 2009:** The East Texas Council of Governments is pleased to welcome Monique Jackson of Tyler, to the ETCOG team. Monique joins the Public Information & Regional Services Division as the Grants & Research Analyst.

Monique will be responsible for the research, writing and development of ETCOG's internal and external grant programs. She will serve as a resource for ETCOG and its city, county, school district and special district members for grant funding opportunities and community data requests.

In addition to educating ETCOG members on available grants, Monique will work on either a fee based or contingency system to write grants for those who request assistance. She will also assist with loan packaging for ETCOG's affiliate, the East Texas Regional Development Company, which offers SBA 504, 7A, and Chapman loans.



*"The objective of bringing the Grants and Research Analyst position to ETCOG is to establish a cohesive approach in maintaining the organization's current grants and loans," said ETCOG's Director of Public Information & Regional Services, Luke Kimbrough. "We aim to establish a systemic base from which to work from in seeking ways to increase internal and external funding streams."*

For more information, contact Luke Kimbrough, at 903.984.8641 x219 or Luke.Kimbrough@etcog.org.

### **About ETCOG**

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.