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PRESS RELEASE

Governor's Criminal Justice Division Grants Available

ETCOG's Annual Free Grant Writing Workshops Scheduled

Kilgore, TX, January 8, 2010: Local governments, independent school districts, and non-profit organizations now have the opportunity to apply for grant funds from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division. Continuation applicants and potential new applicants in ETCOG's fourteen (14) county region are invited to attend free grant writing workshops, hosted by the ETCOG Criminal Justice and Public Safety department. This training will be held at the ETCOG office located at 3800 Stone Road in Kilgore.

Grant funding is available for the following programs: Victim Assistance - Direct Services (VOCA); Violent Crimes Against Women CJ & Training Projects (VAWA); Juvenile Services (JJDP & SDFSC); and Criminal Justice Programs. The application period opened 1/4/2010 and will close 3/5/2010 for all funding streams.

To apply for any funding via the Governor's E-grants throughout 2010, it is MANDATORY that someone from every applying entity attend a grant writing workshop. Workshops are free to attend and will be held at ETCOG on:

Wednesday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 13, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, January 15, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 15, 2:00 p.m.

Proposed projects for VOCA or VAWA must directly benefit crime victims; JJDP projects should be designed to prevent juvenile delinquency; and the Criminal Justice Program projects must be designed to reduce crime or improve the administration of justice.

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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.