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ETCOG Hires Stephanie Hall-Heffner as Criminal Justice & Public Safety Director

Kilgore, TX, February 18, 2010: David Cleveland, Executive Director of the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG), the regional planning organization for fourteen East Texas counties, has announced the appointment of Stephanie Heffner to the ETCOG management team as the Director of Criminal Justice & Public Safety.

In this position Stephanie Heffner will be responsible for the management and overall planning, implementation, and monitoring of criminal justice and public safety programs designed to help reduce crime, improve the justice system, and increase public safety throughout the East Texas Region. She will work with elected officials and local government representatives to identify and address community law enforcement needs as well as plan and develop criminal justice and homeland security projects targeted to local and regional needs.

Stephanie Heffner brings with her over 11 years experience in Public Safety, as well as grants monitoring. She was most recently the Public Safety Planner at the Houston-Galveston Area Council .



"Stephanie's exceptional track record and reputation with the law enforcement community makes her an ideal director for ETCOG," said Cleveland. "We are fortunate to have Stephanie and enthusiastically welcome her to the ETCOG Team."

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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.