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PRESS RELEASE

Home Modifications Available for Persons with Disabilities in Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison and Rusk Counties

Open Application Period Begins August 23 through September 24

Kilgore, TX, August 23, 2010: ETCOG's housing program, Housing East Texas, announces a 30 day open application period for persons with disabilities in need of accessibility modifications to be served through the 2010 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. Housing East Texas has been allocated \$225,000 to serve a minimum of fifteen clients in Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, and Rusk Counties whose household incomes do not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The application period opens August 23, 2010, and will close on September 24, 2010.

The program provides one time grants for home modifications specifically needed for accessibility such as wheelchair ramps, lowered cabinets, flashing lights, etc. Due to limited funding, applications will be competitively scored. Funds are targeted to allow for reasonable accommodation or modification for homeowners or a member of their household with disabilities needing assistance to fully access their home.

Applications and the Area Median Income (AMI) for Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, and Rusk Counties are available to download on the ETCOG website or you may call 903.984.8641 x235 for a mailed copy. For more information contact ETCOG's Housing Manager, Karen Cline, at 903.984.8641 x220.

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.