

# PRESS RELEASE

## ETCOG Hires Cunningham as Director of Finance

**Kilgore, TX, October 12, 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 Charles Cunningham to the ETCOG management team as the Director of Finance. In this position Cunningham will be responsible for directing, planning, and coordinating financial activities; ensuring fiscal accountability to state and federal laws, regulations, and policies; developing funding forecasts; and preparing and monitoring budgets.



Cunningham brings with him over 30 years of experience in financial management and analysis in both the public and private sectors. He also served a number of years overseas working on development projects in Latin America and the Far East. Cunningham was most recently the Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance for the City of Kyle, Texas.

*"Charles brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from both public and private sectors that make him an ideal director for ETCOG," said David Cleveland. "His extensive body of work with performance budgeting systems, various accounting systems and information technology combine to form the diverse skill set he will need to lead ETCOG's Finance Team in the years to come. He also has a proven managerial, organizational development, and leadership track record that will benefit staff and customers alike. We are fortunate to have Charles and enthusiastically welcome him 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.