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# PRESS RELEASE

## East Texas Regional Development Company Makes Top 50 Area Lenders List

**Kilgore, TX, November 21, 2011:** ETCOG's small business development corporation, the East Texas Regional Development Company (ETRDC) has been recognized for making the Fort Worth Business Press' Top 50 Area Lenders list. Luke Kimbrough, Director of Public Information & Regional Services, is pictured with the award. In FY 2011, ETRDC secured 10 loans totaling \$3.9 million in development projects primarily located in the East Texas Region. These 10 loans were to businesses throughout East Texas. Among these are the Suburban Extended Stay Hotel and Create Art! both in Longview, Texas. "It is a great honor to be recognized as one of the top 50 SBA lenders in the Dallas/Fort Worth area." stated Luke Kimbrough. The ETRDC competed against not only other Certified Development Companies, but private banking institutions as well.



Recently, the ETRDC partnered with the Kilgore College Small Business Development Corporation to host a series of seminars in the region entitled, "Access to Capital".

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### **About the East Texas Regional Development Company**

Since 1983, the East Texas Regional Development Company (ETRDC) has provided small businesses in Texas with the financing they needed to expand or even start their business. ETRDC is a private, non-profit, organization formed for the purpose of assisting small businesses. The ETRDC has helped many Texas business owners achieve long term financing for all of their business needs. ETRDC is administrated by ETCOG.

### **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.