



PRESS RELEASE

ETCOG Receives Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 13th Consecutive Year

Kilgore, TX, October 22, 2014: The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the East Texas Council of Governments by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for 2013. The Certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the department designated as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to the East Texas Council of Governments Operations Division.

"The Excellence in Financial Reporting award has been bestowed upon the East Texas Council of Governments for thirteen straight years and counting! This is a particularly impressive achievement when you consider the fact ETCOG currently manages over 80 different funding streams on behalf of the East Texas region" stated Executive Director David Cleveland. "I am proud of our entire Operations team and all the staff of ETCOG who work hard every single day to ensure that our financial reporting is accurate and transparent for our funding agencies and the general public".

ETCOG's 2013 CAFR can be viewed [here](#). The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

About GFOA

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C. For more information on the GFOA, contact Stephen Gauthier at (312) 977-9700.

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.