

PRESS RELEASE

ETCOG Hires Wendi Horst as Director of Financial Operations

Kilgore, TX, December 15, 2014: 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 Wendi Horst to the ETCOG management team as the Director of Financial Operations. Horst's primary role is to oversee ETCOG's financial and administrative operations and ensure fiscal accountability of all ETCOG funds to management, governing boards, and funding agencies in compliance with state and federal laws, regulations and policies.



Horst joined ETCOG on November 10, 2014, after serving as the Business Manager for Overton ISD since 2011. Prior to her Overton position, she served as the Chief Financial Officer for Greater East Texas Community Action Program (GETCAP), a non-profit corporation offering programs and services to assist low income individuals and families, out of Nacogdoches, Texas, for 13 years.

"Wendi's combination of public sector government fund accounting and private sector experience make her an excellent choice for this position," said Cleveland. "She has a passion for the kind of work ETCOG does every day and she has a true servant's heart. I am pleased to welcome her to the ETCOG team!"

Horst was born in Dayton, Ohio. She is a graduate of Kountze High School and Stephen F. Austin State University. She currently resides in Kilgore with her husband, Curtis. Together, they have six children who attend Kilgore ISD and participate in basketball, softball, baseball, cheerleading, football and volleyball.

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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.