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**EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF
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PRESS RELEASE

ETCOG to Host Board Meeting, Vote on \$39.2 Million Budget

85th Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting Held in Pittsburg on Thursday

Kilgore, TX, September 24, 2012: The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) will host its 85th Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, September 27, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 300 Jefferson Street in Pittsburg, TX, from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm.

The meeting includes business items: approval of the March 22, 2012 Minutes; Chairman's Report year in review; election of Executive Committee members; election of 2012-2013 ETCOG Officers; consideration of proposed amendments to the ETCOG Bylaws; discussion and approval of the FY 2013 Budget; and presentation of the Chairman's Service Award.

ETCOG's Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials representing the ETCOG membership of cities, counties, special districts and school districts in the 14 county East Texas region.

The FY 2013 Recommended Budget can be viewed at www.etcog.org on the home page in the News & Events section.

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.