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## ETCOG Hires Hedrick as Transportation Director

**Kilgore, TX, April 15, 2009:** 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 John Hedrick to the ETCOG management team as the Director of Transportation. In this position Hedrick will continue the expansion and diversification of ETCOG's transportation planning and services with special emphasis on working collaboratively with all stakeholders to provide regional multi-modal transportation solutions for East Texas.



Hedrick brings with him over 40 years of experience in transportation planning and operations in both the public and private sectors, as well as project and contract management experience in facility construction, rehabilitation, and operation. Hedrick was most recently the President of the Denton County Transportation Authority where he built the transit organization from the ground up.

*"John's impressive track record and reputation in transportation makes him an ideal director for ETCOG," said Cleveland. "He has extensive experience with national projects and brings the unique skill set we need to enhance our transportation services so we can serve our customers better. We are fortunate to have John 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.