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TEXOMA HOUSING PARTNERS (THP) COMPLETES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BONHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

BONHAM, TX – April 20, 2010- Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments, announced today that the Texoma Housing Partners, a TCOG administered public housing program, has completed capital improvements at the Bonham Housing Authority. The improvements are part of a comprehensive, region wide capital improvement project for all seventeen housing authorities participating in the Texoma Housing Partners Consortium.

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded THP a total of \$847,000.00 in American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. THP is using these funds in conjunction with annual capital funding to complete a \$1.9 million capital improvement project across the region.

“By combining regular capital funds with the ARRA funding, TCOG is taking advantage of a rare opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the everyday lives of hundreds of families in North Texas.” Dr. Thomas said.

Agreeing with Thomas on the positive quality of life impact these dollars are having, THP Chairman Frank Budra said he is pleased the capital improvements are underway. “The THP Board of Commissioners is thrilled to have the opportunity to see these funds used to make capital improvements to the public housing properties, and we are equally excited about the impact these monies will have in our local economies. From jobs to local commerce, \$1.9 million is a healthy injection of revenue for our region.”

The capital improvements include: exterior painting, concrete work, additional parking, kitchen remodel including new cabinets, countertops and sinks; and bathroom remodel including new bathtubs, sinks and faucets. Each housing authority property will be updated in appearance and viability which will provide improved curb appeal to each community and affordable housing for their citizens.

THP was the first consortium established nationwide under the Quality Housing Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and is composed of 17 small housing authorities located in the North Texas region. By delivering management services in a consolidated manner, TCOG achieves efficiencies and economies of scale making more resources available for the provision of safe, quality, and affordable housing to the citizens of the Texoma region.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region as well as a wide array of specialized programs for seniors. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security, criminal justice, and transportation needs.

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