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TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Municipal Solid Waste Grant Funding Available for FY 2011

SHERMAN, May 19, 2010 – Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments, announced today that grant applications are now available from the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Grant program through the Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG).

“We can all agree that reducing the amount of trash that goes into our landfills is a goal worth pursuing,” Dr. Thomas said. “Whether we reuse items, recycle them, or reduce our consumption of them, we are saving money, extending the lifespan of our landfills, and making a positive impact on our environment.”

The grants are provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and are available to Cities, Counties, School Districts, and Special Law Districts with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or Municipal Solid Waste management. The grant funding will be for fiscal year 2011 and will be available on or after September 1, 2010. Projects addressing the reduction of solid waste introduced to landfills are eligible for funding.

Applications may be downloaded from the Municipal Solid Waste Grant Program on the TCOG website at www.texoma.cog.tx.us/CED/MSW.html. **The deadline for the return of the applications is July 23, 2010.** For more information, contact David Trout at 903-813-3550.

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 and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security, criminal justice, transportation needs.

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