



November 26, 2013

The Honorable Brian Lee
Titus County Judge
100 W. 1st St., Ste. 200
Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455-4400

Dear Judge Lee:

As you know, with the increase in oil and gas production, the 83rd Legislature included a \$225 million supplemental appropriation in House Bill 1025 (HB 1025) to help repair or improve county roads in areas affected by energy-sector activities. This funding will enable affected counties to apply for and obtain grants through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Senate Bill 1747 (SB 1747) outlines the requirements for counties to be eligible for funding authorized under HB 1025. The Texas Transportation Commission has adopted rules in order for TxDOT to administer the program.

As outlined in SB 1747 and TxDOT rules, grant funding will be distributed to each county according to the following formula: 20% according to weight tolerance permits, 20% according to oil and gas production taxes, 50% according to well completions, and 10% according to volume of oil and gas waste injected. The methodology and data used to develop the allocations under the formula were determined by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Railroad Commission of Texas respectively.

The estimated allocations for each county in the state, assuming all 254 counties will be eligible and apply, are provided as part of the NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM included with this letter. Actual grant awards may vary from the estimate. Accordingly, it is estimated that Titus County is eligible for a minimum grant award of: \$311,042.00. The total grant award to your county will not be known until the application period closes and all applications are reviewed by TxDOT. TxDOT will then provide a written notice to each applicant that states the amount of the grant awarded. TxDOT will begin accepting online applications on Friday, February 7, 2014. The application period will end Friday, February 14, 2014.

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If you need additional information please contact Trent Thomas, Deputy Director in our State Legislative Affairs Office, at (512) 463-6397 or via e-mail at Trent.Thomas@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Wilson".

Phil Wilson
Executive Director

cc: Texas Transportation Commission
John A. Barton, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, TxDOT
Trent Thomas, State Legislative Affairs, TxDOT

ENCLOSURES:

1. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM;
2. Estimated allocation for each county in the state (estimate assumes all 254 counties will be eligible and apply); and
3. List of economically disadvantaged counties.