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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT FOR HURRICANE HARVEY MITIGATION FUNDS

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), in partnership with Wharton County, will apply for the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition program no later than Oct. 28, 2020. H-GAC is seeking public comment on this funding application from noon on Oct. 12 to noon on Oct. 26.

Following Hurricane Harvey, a consortium of communities concerned with flooding in the lower portion of the Lower Colorado River initiated a project to enhance flood modeling and plan for installing flood gauges along the system to provide real-time flood data to decision-makers. The Lower Colorado River and San Bernard River Flood Warning System project will build on that effort by replicating the modeling on the adjacent San Bernard River and Caney Creek systems and installing flood gauges throughout the project area.

If funded, the Lower Colorado River and San Bernard River Flood Warning System project will reduce impacts of severe coastal and riverine flooding resulting from hurricanes/tropical storms/tropical depressions by enhancing hydrologic modeling for the San Bernard River and installing new flood gauges and upgrading existing gauges along the lower Colorado River, San Bernard River, and Caney Creek.

This effort will provide inundation maps and real-time flood data to decision-makers and Office of Emergency Management professionals to better predict and react to flooding events and mitigate future impacts to life and property. Affected counties include Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Lee, Matagorda, and Wharton.

More details about this project, including scope of work, budget, beneficiaries, and displacement information are available online. To provide comment, visit the website at h-gac.com/cdbg-app, leave a public comment over the phone at 1-855-363-2516, or send an email to cdbgcomments@h-gac.com. Public comments may be mailed by or before Oct. 26 to the Houston-Galveston Area Council, c/o Kathy Janhsen, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX, 77227.

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H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.