

**TO:** H-GAC Board of Directors  
**SUBJECT:** Board Report  
**FROM:** Jack Steele  
**DATE:** December 12, 2011

Next week's Board of Directors meeting is important for H-GAC. The Board will be setting priorities, establishing our Budget and Service Plan and taking other actions on specific H-GAC programs that will position us for a fast start in 2012. Items for your review include:

**Consent Agenda**—the Economic Development District contract is an annual item, and the match is through expenditures already authorized in other H-GAC programs. The San Bernard Water Quality contract is with the Soil and Water Conservation Board as part of our on-going multi-focus water quality monitoring efforts.

We are requesting authorization of a continued contract with AT&T to provide wide area network service for H-GAC's office, our twenty-six Workforce Career Centers and six 9-1-1 PSAPs. In Aging, we have a small number of additional direct service vendor agreements for your consideration. These vendor contracts are in addition to the local service contracts with a variety of non-profit organizations in the twelve counties we serve in our aging program.

We are requesting authorization of an agreement with the Montgomery County Hospital District for tower use which will benefit 9-1-1 activities in Northern Liberty County.

We are recommending contract awards in cooperative purchasing for back-up generators and auxiliary power units; low bidder is recommended in all cases. We are recommending approval of five agreements this month for acquisition of clean vehicles or retrofitting of existing engines in the amount of \$660,000.

**Finance and Budget**—will meet at **9:20 a.m.** in Conference Room C to consider the monthly financial report and technical revisions to H-GAC's Retirement Plan enumerating our compliance with various federal laws. The Finance and Budget Committee will also consider its recommendations on the 2012 proposed Budget and Service Plan, and the Employee Salary and Benefit Program. The Budget will be the subject of a public hearing in the Board meeting and both items will be before the Board for possible action.

**Plans and Projects Review Committee**—will meet at **9:40 a.m.** in Conference Room A to consider acceptance of modifications to the Colorado Valley Transit Subregional Service Plan, and an update of our Regional Transportation Coordination Plan, largely affecting smaller transit providers in the region.

**Community and Environmental**—we are presenting some policy recommendations derived from the Board's discussion last month concerning operational issues in disaster recovery housing programs. We're also requesting Board action to authorize the state required fair

housing forms for our regional Round 2 method of distribution, as well as a subregional form for Austin, Brazoria, Matagorda, Waller and Walker counties which we serve to repair and reconstruct hurricane damaged housing. Finally, we have an amendment requested by the General Land Office to Round 1 of the method of distribution which would add the Galveston Housing Authority as an eligible fund recipient and re-allocate \$25 million in housing funds from the City of Galveston to the Galveston Housing Authority. These funds were originally identified for replacement of public housing damaged by the storm.

**H-GAC Advisory Committee Appointments**—we have several committee appointments for your consideration, including an initial list of appointees to the local government advisory committee of our sustainability project.

**Election Committee**—will present its recommendations for 2012 Board Officers.

**Retiring Board Members Resolution**—we will have resolutions honoring the service of several retiring members: Council Member Clutterbuck, Councilman Willis, Trustee Tucker, Judge Beckendorff and Commissioner King.

**Information**—I will briefly outline a proposed change in the region's air quality non-attainment area designation as proposed by EPA. EPA's proposed action would add Matagorda County to the non-attainment area, apparently based on its stationary source emissions inventory.

Also included in this mailing is the 2012 Calendar of Meetings of the H-GAC Board of Directors and an H-GAC holiday schedule for the end of 2011 and for the 2012 calendar year.

As you can see, we have a full list of important items on the agenda before us next week. I hope you will plan to be present, participate fully in the discussions, and represent your local government. Meanwhile, if you have questions or suggestions about any H-GAC program or service, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jack Steele

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Enclosure