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Houston-Galveston Area Council's Our Great Region Awards now accepting applications

Houston, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council is now accepting submissions for the 2019 Our Great Region Awards. The awards recognize plans, projects, programs, and policies that strive to improve the quality of life for residents in the [13-county Gulf Coast planning region](#).

Winning an Our Great Region Award allows organizations to be recognized for outstanding work in rural, urban, and coastal communities and helps establish them as models for similar projects within the region. All work submitted for an award must further the measurable goals and strategies outlined in the [Our Great Region 2040 Plan](#). The goals aim to ensure the region continues to be a great place to live, work, and prosper.

Awards will be given in the five categories - **CONNECTION**, recognizing partnerships; **DILIGENCE**, recognizing approaches to overcoming challenges to implementation; **REACH**, recognizing public participation and community outreach; **OPPORTUNITY**, recognizing overcoming disparities in access to opportunity; and **EXCELLENCE**, recognizing overall excellence.

Past winning projects include regional transportation initiatives, community planning efforts, housing developments, water quality strategies, and healthy living programs. The deadline to apply is July 31. For more information and to apply, visit ourregion.org/awards.

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About the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

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.