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The Honorable Scott Felton
McLennan County Judge
501 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas 76701

RE: DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Dear Judge Felton:

In response to the West, Texas, disaster that impacted McLennan County on April 17, 2013, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) – as directed by Governor Perry – is applying its expertise and resources to help impacted households in your jurisdiction. To assist with immediate and short term relief efforts in your county, TDHCA has already provided community services funds to a local nonprofit organization (Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of Planning Region XI) to support enhanced shelter services and temporary housing assistance, such as hotel vouchers, to households displaced by the disaster.

Additional relief is also available for longer term affordable single family housing and residential and commercial demolition activities. Below is a brief summary of these programs, which are available to eligible administrators for assistance to income-eligible beneficiaries:

- **HOMEowner Rehabilitation Assistance (HRA)*** – Provides up to \$85,000 per household for rehabilitation or reconstruction assistance for owner-occupied housing units.
- **HOMEbuyer Assistance (HBA)*** – Provides up to \$20,000 per household for down payment and closing cost assistance for the purchase of a home.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)*** – Provides temporary rental assistance for up to 24 months per household to reduce monthly rent payments and also assist with security and utility deposits.
- **NSP Demolition** – Funds available through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) may be used to demolish and clear residential or commercial structures in priority needs areas that are determined to be blighted or unsafe.

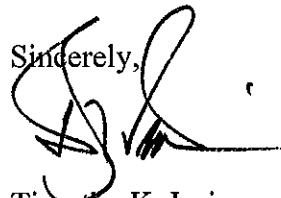


* These programs are offered through TDHCA's federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

An overview of TDHCA's disaster relief programs is enclosed for more information.

To learn more about how to access HOME funds to assist households affected by the disaster, please contact Sandy Garcia at 512-475-1391, sandy.garcia@tdhca.state.tx.us. For details about the NSP funds, contact Paul Ford at 512-936-7797 or paul.ford@tdhca.state.tx.us.

Please know that TDHCA is committed to assisting your community and households affected by this disaster with the provision of safe, decent and sanitary housing.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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