



# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

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## **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Conference on Regionalism 2010**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

7:30am – 2:00pm      Exhibitor Move-in      *Grand Ballroom C-G*

7:30am – 5:00pm      Registration Desk Open      *Ballroom Foyer*

### **PRE-CONFERENCE STAFF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

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| <b>10:00am-2:00pm</b> | <b>1. Aging:</b><br>Update with Department of Aging & Disability Services AAA Section Managers<br><i>Betty Ford, AAA Section Managers, Department of Aging &amp; Disability Services</i>  | <i>Grand Ballroom A</i>    |
| <b>8:00am-12:00pm</b> | <b>2. Community &amp; Economic Development:</b><br>Training: Structuring Regional Projects for Economic Development Professionals<br><i>Mrs. Rosa Rios Valdez, Executive Director, Business &amp; Community Leaders of Texas</i>  | <i>Colonnade B</i>         |
| <b>8:00am-2:00pm</b>  | <b>3. Criminal Justice:</b><br>8:00am-11:00am<br>Review and Discussion of Criminal Justice Division Application Details<br><i>Angie Martin, Program Manager, Governor's Criminal Justice Division</i><br><br>11:00am-2:00pm<br>Working Lunch: Law Enforcement Planning and Roundtable Discussion<br><i>Michelle Casanova, Criminal Justice Program Manager, Capital Area Council of Governments</i> | <i>Conference Center B</i> |
| <b>9:00am-12:00pm</b> | <b>3. Emergency Communications:</b><br>Commission on State Emergency Communications Update<br><i>Kelli Merrinweather, Director of Programs, Commission on State Emergency Communications</i>  | <i>Colonnade C</i>         |
| <b>8:00am-2:00pm</b>  | <b>4. Emergency Preparedness:</b><br>Basic Grants Workshop<br><i>Lisa Nine Accordini, Senior Staff Associate, National Criminal Justice Association</i>   | <i>Conference Center A</i> |
| <b>9:00am-12:00pm</b> | <b>5. Environmental Quality:</b><br>Storm Debris Workshop<br><i>John Buri, Beck Debris</i>  | <i>Colonnade A</i>         |
| <b>8:00am-2:00pm</b>  | <b>7. Finance and Personnel:</b><br>8:00am – 9:30am: I-9 Compliance and Updates<br><i>Padgett, Stratemann and Co., L.L.P.</i><br><br>10:00am – 2:00pm: Working Lunch: Health Care Reform<br><i>Susan Smith, Executive Director,<br/>TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool</i>  | <i>Grand Ballroom B</i>    |

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

2:00pm – 3:00pm      **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Conference on Regionalism Opening General Session**      *La Joya*

**Presentation of Colors:**

*Marine Corps Recruiting Station San Antonio Color Guard*

**TARC Welcome:**

*The Honorable Terry Henley, Mayor Pro Tem, Meadows Place, Texas Association of Regional Councils President*

*Penny Redington, Executive Director, Texas Association of Regional Councils*

**Invocation:**

*St. Matthews Catholic Parish*

**Local Welcome:**

*The Honorable Nelson Wolff, County Judge, Bexar County*

**National Association Greetings:**

*The Honorable James Townsend, President, National Association of Regional Councils & County Judge, Webster County, Kentucky*

*Tim Ware, President, National Association of Development Organization & Executive Director, Mid-East Commission, North Carolina*

**Opening Keynote:**

*The Honorable Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public Accounts, State of Texas*

3:00pm – 4:00pm      **The Alcatel-Lucent Exhibit Hall Grand Opening**      *Grand Ballroom C-G*  
*Sponsored by Alcatel-Lucent*

4:00pm – 5:00pm      **“The Power of Living & Giving with Enthusiasm”**      *La Joya*  
*Sonny Melendrez, Media Personality & Motivational Speaker*

6:00pm – 9:00pm      **Welcome Reception & Dinner**      *La Joya Ballroom, Omni Colonnade*  
*Hosted by Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG)*  
*Join us for a San Antonio-style fiesta as the Alamo Area Council of Governments hosts the 2010 Annual Conference Welcome Reception. Dinner will be provided and a band will provide live entertainment.*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

7:30am – 5:00pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Ballroom Foyer</i>
7:30am – 8:00am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Coffee Break</b> <i>Breakfast and Coffee will be provided. Come visit with our exhibitors, coffee break sponsors, and your peers!</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom C-G</i>
7:30am -- 5:00pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Hours</b>	<i>Grand Ballroom C-G</i>

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

8:00am – 8:50am	<b>1. Aging</b> Veterans-Directed Regional Home and Community Based Services Program <i>Richard McGhee, Director, Area Agency on Aging, Central Texas Council of Governments</i> <i>Thomas Wilson, Director, Veterans-Directed Regional Home and Community Based Services Program, Central Texas Council of Governments</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>
	<b>2. Community &amp; Economic Development</b> Regional Transportation Update <i>Fred Abousemann, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils</i> <i>Erica Young, Transportation Director, National Association of Regional Councils</i>	<i>Conference Center B</i>
	<b>3. Emergency Communications</b> Survival and Motivation During Difficult Economic Times, Part I “When the Going Gets Tough, 9-1-1 Coordinators Persevere” <i>Christy Williams, 9-1-1 Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments</i> <i>Sherry Decker, 9-1-1 Public Education and Training Coordinator, North Central Texas Council of Governments</i>	<i>Colonnade C</i>
	<b>4. Emergency Preparedness</b> Flood Plain Mapping and Mitigation Planning <i>Melinda Luna, Team Lead, National Flood Insurance Program-Mapping Services, Texas Water Development Board</i>	<i>Conference Center A</i>
	<b>5. Finance and Personnel</b> Fair Labor Standards Act <i>Jason S. Boulette, Partner, Boulette &amp; Golden L.L.P</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>

*Blackberry Break*  
*(8:50am – 9:00am)*

8:45am – 2:00pm	<b>Environmental Quality:</b> <b>Greenstar North America Holdings, Inc. and Republic Tessman</b> (Shuttle will board between 8:45am- 9:00am outside Omni Colonnade Lobby)	
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*This off-site tour will first explore Greenstar Cornerway, the largest recycling facility in Texas, and one of the most-fully automated single stream facilities in the U.S.*

*The workshop will then visit Republic Tessman, a state of the art Materials Recovery Facility, that holds electricity generating solar panels, placed on a closed section of landfill, which are the first to be duplicated in the U.S. An off-site/ on your own lunch will conclude the tour.*

- 9:00am – 9:50am      **1. Aging**      *Grand Ballroom A*  
 Setting New Policy Directions for Aging:  
 “The Passage of the Affordable Care Act”  
*Sandy Markwood, Executive Director, National Association for the Area Agencies on Aging (N4A)*
- 2. Criminal Justice**      *Conference Center B*  
 Unified Crime Report Reporting, Part I  
*Department of Public Safety (Invited)*
- 3. Emergency Communications**      *Colonnade C*  
 Survival and Motivation During Difficult Economic Times, Part II  
 “When the Going Gets Tough, 9-1-1 Coordinators Persevere”  
*Christy Williams, 9-1-1 Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments*  
*Sherry Decker, 9-1-1 Public Education and Training Coordinator, North Central Texas Council of Governments*
- 4. Emergency Preparedness**      *Conference Center A*  
 Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance  
*Carolyn Sudduth, Mitigation Plans Officer, Texas Department of Emergency Management*  
*The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
- 5. Finance and Personnel**      *Colonnade AB*  
 Social Media in the Workplace  
*Jason S. Boulette, Partner, Boulette & Golden L.L.P*
- 10:00am – 10:30am      **Exhibit Hall Coffee & Snack Break**      *Grand Ballroom C-G*  
*Come visit with our coffee break sponsors and exhibitors over a mid-morning pick-me up coffee or soda.*
- 10:00am - 2:00pm      **Texas Citizen Corps State Council**      *Bolo’s PDR*

**PLENARY SESSION**

- 10:30am – 11:30am      **The Coming Senior Tsunami: “What to Expect, What to Plan For”**      *La Joya*  
*Saadia Greenberg, Director, Office of Performance and Evaluation, Administration on Aging, United States Department of Health and Human Services*
- 11:30am – 1:00pm      **Lunch Break**  
 Enjoy lunch on your own in beautiful San Antonio! Please ask the registration desk for restaurant recommendations or feel free to have lunch in the hotel restaurant.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- 1:00pm – 1:50pm      **1. Community & Economic Development**      *Conference Center C*  
 Sustainable Communities Initiative  
*Matt Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations*
- 2. Criminal Justice**      *Conference Center B*  
 Unified Crime Report Reporting, Part II  
*Department of Public Safety (Invited)*
- 3. Emergency Communications**      *Colonnade C*  
 Dynamic Trends in Public Safety Communications  
*Steve Jennings, Executive Director, Strategic Industries at Alcatel-Lucent*

**4. Emergency Preparedness** *Conference Center A*  
National Incident Management System Requirements  
*Mike Bewley, Plans Section Supervisor and Melanie Moss, Planner, Department of Public Safety*  
*Cindy Hood, Heart of Texas Councils of Governments*

**5. Finance and Personnel** *Grand Ballroom A*  
**New Regulations for 403(b) plans**  
*Padgett, Stratemann and Co., L.L.P.*

2:00pm – 3:00pm **The Alcatel-Lucent Exhibit Hall Closing Event** *Ballroom C-G*  
Sponsored by Union Pacific  
*Come join our exhibitors to beat the heat with an old-fashioned afternoon Ice Cream Social. Be sure to stop by the booths of our sponsors and say thank you. Which toppings for your sundae will you choose?*

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

3:00pm – 3:50pm **1. Aging** *Conference Center B*  
Providing Transportation for Seniors Panel  
*Sandy Markwood, Executive Director, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging*  
*Monita McGhee, Director, Dallas Area Agency on Aging*  
*Gary Rushing, Central Texas Council of Governments*

**2. Community & Economic Development** *Colonnade AB*  
Tips for Success for Rural Economic Development  
*Michael West, Program Coordinator, Texas Department Agriculture*

**3. Emergency Communications** *Colonnade C*  
Change Management in Emergency Communications  
*Christy Williams, 9-1-1 Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments*

**4. Emergency Preparedness** *Conference Center A*  
Introduction to Automated Critical Asset Management System  
*Karl Schumacher, CIKR Analyst, Texas Department of Public Safety*  
*Amanda Burnett, Emergency Preparedness Supervisor, North Central Texas Council of Governments*

**5. Environmental Quality** *Grand Ballroom B*  
Rural Recycling Showcase  
*Elizabeth Thomas, Regional Services Program Specialist, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission*

**6. Finance and Personnel** *Grand Ballroom A*  
Everything a Manager/Supervisor Needs to Know, Part I  
*Diana Cecil, SPHR, HR Specialist, Texas Association of Counties*

*Blackberry Break*  
*(3:50pm-4:00pm)*

4:00pm – 4:50pm **1. Aging** *Conference Center B*  
Senior Health: Diabetes and Alzheimer's  
*Susan Ristine, Department of Aging and Disability Services*  
*Tam Cummings, M.S., Gerontologist*  
*Melody Chatelle, Chatelle & Associates*

## 2. Community and Economic Development

Colonnade B

Regional Incubators & Entrepreneurship

*Stan McGee, Chief Administrative Officer, Acadiana Regional Development District*

## 3. Criminal Justice/Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Communications

Update on Interoperability

Conference Center A

*Mike Simpson, Department of Public Safety*

## 4. Environmental Quality

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Municipal Solid Waste Update

*Ken May, Finance & Grants Workgroup, Business & Program Services Section*

*Waste Permits Division (invited)*

## 5. Finance and Personnel

Grand Ballroom A

Everything a Manager/Supervisor Needs to Know, Part II

*Diana Cecil, SPHR, HR Specialist, Texas Association of Counties*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

8:00am – 9:00am	<b>TARC Budget and Bylaws Committee Meeting</b>	<i>Sam Houston Room</i>
8:00am – 9:00am	<b>Staff Association Annual Business Meetings</b> 1) 9-1-1 Coordinators' Association 2) Community & Economic Development Staff Association 3) Criminal Justice Planners Association 4) Finance & Personnel Association 5) Homeland Security Association of Texas 6) Solid Waste Planners' Association 7) Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging	<i>Colonnade C</i> <i>Colonnade B</i> <i>Conference Center B</i> <i>Grand Ballroom B</i> <i>Conference Center A</i> <i>Colonnade A</i> <i>Grand Ballroom A</i>
9:00am – 10:15am	<b>TARC Board of Directors Annual Meeting</b>	<i>La Joya Ballroom</i>

10:30am – 11:45am      **Award Ceremony & Inaugural Brunch**      *Grand Ballroom ABC*  
*Come join your award recipients and TARC Officers for brunch as we celebrate together! Another successful conference and a final opportunity to visit with your peers before you head home to your region.*