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SUBJECT: North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team

Based on lessons learned from several past natural disasters and large scale incidents, Public Works support has been identified as a necessary resource which needed a more regional approach to coordination. As a result, the North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) was created to provide public works assistance when an emergency or disaster overwhelms local resources especially within the North Central Texas region. While it was formed by and for local governments and operates on a voluntary quid pro quo basis, the team is supported and facilitated by the NCTCOG Emergency Preparedness Department. PWERT first deployed in response to resource requests during the April 3, 2012 tornado outbreak and continues to grow to meet regional needs.

Membership and Benefits

There are currently 39 member cities, list attached. While cities sign the mutual aid agreement to join the team, it is always up to that City in any circumstance to either approve or deny a request for assistance. Signing the mutual aid agreement allows for this discretion by management but it also offers the protection of payment terms and allowable Operational Period, which are required to protect the city if reimbursement is sought for a disaster in the future. Additionally, once a member city joins the team, if/when public works resources are necessary to support a local response, it only takes 1 call to get needed resources identified, located and sent. This call goes directly to the 24-hour response line and a team leader or member answers the call and coordinates the request at the direction of the requesting agency.

This memo is to request consideration for becoming a member city on the North Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT). Please review the attached presentation, mutual aid agreement and member city list and contact me with any questions.

Attachments (3): PWERT General Presentation
Member City List
North Central Texas Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

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