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**RE: DR-1780-TX HMGP Notice of Interest and Hazard Mitigation Team Report:
Public Awareness: Purchase and distribution of NOAA All Hazards radios Project**

Dear Mitigation Grant Applicant:

Thank you for the mitigation Notice of Interest (team report) submitted by your organization. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a 75/25 cost-share program designed to help fund projects that will reduce losses due to natural and man-made hazards. It is a competitive application process with limited funds available.

Based upon the published state priorities and funds available, we assess that funding is likely to be available for your proposed project and we urge you to apply. Note: you must meet the sub-grantee eligibility requirements of having a FEMA approved Mitigation Action Plan and a Local Emergency Management Plan at the basic level of approval. You must also be currently participating, in good standing, with the NFIP. We also urge you to attend G-720, our Mitigation Grants Workshop, scheduled for December by GDEM. To register go to: <https://www.preparingtexas.org>.

If you wish to submit an official application, please forward the original and one complete copy of the application and backup documentation to this office by the application deadline of January 30, 2009.

Send your application to: Texas Department of Public Safety
Governor's Division of Emergency Management
ATTN: Gregory Pekar, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
P. O. Box 4087
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More information about the application process is available for download at the DEM website:
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/mitigation/HMGPeap.pdf>

If you have questions, please contact Hildy Soper, Mitigation Grants Officer, at 512-424-2454 or Carolyn Looney, Mitigation Specialist, at 512-424-5683.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory Pekar".

Gregory Pekar
State Hazard Mitigation Officer