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Dear Chief Kidd,

On behalf of Williamson County, I respectfully request consideration to receive a Community-specific Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC). We have determined that Williamson County meets the criteria for application and selection for this course conducted by FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI). We understand that approval for an IEMC will require a major commitment from our county. As such, I believe our county is an ideal candidate and would benefit significantly from participation in this course to exercise our emergency operations center (EOC) SOPs and our emergency operations plans.

As explained in detail in this application package, Williamson County is located in the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area and has a population of approximately 545,412 permanent residents with a peak business-day population of 500,000. Within the last ten years, Williamson County has consecutively been in the top 10% of the fastest growing counties within the nation.

We request an IEMC program that will help to prepare us for a Community-Specific IEMC relating to flood response and recovery. The attached documents provide detailed information concerning our current emergency management program and our disaster history.

If this application is selected for a community specific IEMC in FY2020, Williamson County agrees to follow and apply all relevant evaluation and assessment guidance (EEG, Lesson Learned,) and to follow the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) After Action Report (AAR) format. Williamson County is responsible for the development of a formal After-Action Report and Improvement Plan. A copy of the After-Action Report will be provided by the community to the FEMA/EMI/EM Branch within eight months of the course completion.

We request your endorsement of this nomination package to be forwarded to the FEMA Region (6) Administrator along with our application package.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judge Bill Gravell

Williamson County Application – General Information

Community Name: Williamson County, Texas

Sponsoring Region / Agency: Williamson County Office of Emergency Management

Has an IEMC ever been conducted for the community? No

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Will this IEMC be included in your department / jurisdictional Training and Exercise Plan? Yes, this will be included into the plan upon acceptance so that we may include all pertinent course details into the report.

Does the course / exercise support your jurisdictional Threats and Hazards Identification and Risk Analysis? Yes, we are requesting that the exercise relating to flooding which is the number one natural hazard for Williamson County. The Office of Emergency Management has recently completed a County Flood Protection Plan that clearly details the specific flood risk within Williamson County.

Is this community scheduled to host a National Special Security Event (NSSE) within the next two years? No, Williamson County is not scheduled for this level of event.

Is the community scheduled to participate in a National Level Exercise within the next two years? No, Williamson County is not currently scheduled to participate in this level of exercise.

Description of the community's demographics and critical infrastructure?

Demographics: see attached Census Bureau statistics

Critical Infrastructure: Dell, Citibank Processing, IH 35, Capital Land and Livestock, the Dell Diamond, HEB Center, rail lines, pipelines, new Valero distribution site (nearing completion), and Texas Department of Public Safety Training Facility. (see attached top private employers)

Explanation of why the community desires a CS-IEMC.

Williamson County is uniquely located in Central Texas between the state capital and Ft. Hood military installation. The county continues to experience high rates of population and business growth, creating new challenges for emergency management, public safety, and other county departments. In the past 20 years, the county has transitioned from a mostly rural agriculture atmosphere to a thriving business centric county. This growth has placed more residents and businesses at risk for a number of hazards, with flash flooding being number one natural hazard.

Williamson County sits in "Flash Flood Alley" and has experienced an ever-increasing number of devastating floods, both declared and undeclared as presidential disasters. Through the recent completion of a comprehensive County Flood Protection Plan, the risk has now become more evident as the analysis shown areas of the county to be at extreme risk levels. While mitigation is the key to reduction, the county will be faced with increasing complexed flood response for the foreseeable future.

(see attached FEMA disaster list from the current Williamson County Hazard Mitigation Plan)

Top Employers	# of Employees
Dell, Inc.	13,000
Sears Teleserv	1,500
Emerson Process Management	875
Round Rock Premium Outlets	800
Scott & White Healthcare	750
Texas Guaranteed Student Loans	700
St. David's Round Rock Medical Center	689
Southwestern University	514
Liquidation Channel	500
Airborn, Inc.	462
St. David's Georgetown Hospital	453
Seton Medical Center Williamson	450
Wayne Pump Manufacturing	450
National Oilwell Varco	429
Michael Angelo's Gourmet Food	370
Wesleyan Homes, Inc.	330
Field Asset Services	325
Chasco Constructors	320
Cedar Park Regional Medical Center	300
TECO Westinghouse Motor Company	300
ETS-Lindgren (EMC Test Systems)	270
Caring Home Health	269
Sun City (Del Webb)	260
CoreSlab Structures	250
Toppan Photomask	250

Fact	Williamson County, Texas
Population estimates, July 1, 2018, (V2018)	547,545
Population estimates, July 1, 2017, (V2017)	NA
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2018)	NA
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2017)	422,536
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2018, (V2018)	29.60%
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2017, (V2017)	422,679
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	6.60%
Persons under 5 years, percent	26.00%
Persons under 18 years, percent	11.90%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	50.70%
Female persons, percent	82.00%
White alone, percent	7.10%
Black or African American alone, percent	0.90%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	7.20%
Asian alone, percent	0.20%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	2.80%
Two or More Races, percent	24.50%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	59.60%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	33,985
Veterans, 2013-2017	11.80%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2013-2017	192,217
Housing units, July 1, 2017, (V2017)	68.90%
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2013-2017	\$227,100
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2013-2017	\$1,705
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2013-2017	\$657
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2013-2017	\$1,172
Median gross rent, 2013-2017	6,044
Building permits, 2017	170,051
Households, 2013-2017	2.96
Persons per household, 2013-2017	82.30%
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2013-2017	21.00%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2013-2017	94.90%
Households with a computer, percent, 2013-2017	

Households with a broadband internet subscription, percent, 2013-2017	89.70%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017	93.00%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017	40.20%
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2013-2017	6.50%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	10.90%
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2013-2017	69.10%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2013-2017	62.60%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	817,019
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000)	1,861,896
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000)	1,886,336
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	8,584,959
Total retail sales per capita, 2012	\$18,817
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2013-2017	27.9
Median household income (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017	\$79,123
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017	\$34,575
Persons in poverty, percent	6.10%
Total employer establishments, 2016	10,280
Total employment, 2016	151,143
Total annual payroll, 2016 (\$1,000)	7,297,242
Total employment, percent change, 2015-2016	7.00%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2016	43,039
All firms, 2012	38,356
Men-owned firms, 2012	20,610
Women-owned firms, 2012	13,316
Minority-owned firms, 2012	10,020
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	27,023
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	3,588
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	32,883
Population per square mile, 2010	378
Land area in square miles, 2010	1,118.30
FIPS Code	"48491"

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NOTE: FIPS Code values are enclosed in quotes to ensure leading zeros remain intact.

**TABLE 6-1.
FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATIONS IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

Disaster Declaration ^a	Description	Incident Date
DR-4223	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	5/4/2015 - 6/22/2015
DR-4029	Wildfires	8/30/2011 - 12/31/2011
FM-2963	Moonglow Fire	9/5/2011 -- 9/5/2011
FM-2949	Horseshoe Fire	8/15/2011 -- 8/15/2011
FM-2922	Grand Mesa Fire	6/16/2011 - 6/19/2011
EM-3294	Hurricane Ike	9/7/2008 - 9/26/2008
FM-2785	Florence Fire	8/7/2008 - 8/14/2008
EM-3284	Wildfires	3/14/2008 - 9/1/2008
DR-1709	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, And Flooding	6/16/2007 - 8/3/2007
DR-1624	Extreme Wildfire Threat	11/27/2005 - 5/14/2006
DR-1606	Hurricane Rita	9/23/2005 - 10/14/2005
EM-3261	Hurricane Rita	9/20/2005 - 10/14/2005
EM-3216	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	8/29/2005 - 10/1/2005
EM-3171	Loss Of The Space Shuttle Columbia	2/1/2003 - 2/1/2003
EM-3142	Extreme Fire Hazards	8/1/1999 - 12/10/1999
DR-1239	Tropical Storm Charley	8/22/1998 - 8/31/1998
EM-3113	Extreme Fire Hazard	8/30/1993 - 11/15/1993
DR-930	Severe Thunderstorms	12/20/1991 - 1/14/1992
DR-828	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	5/4/1989 - 6/7/1989
DR-454	Severe Storms & Flooding	11/30/1974 - 11/30/1974

a. Federal disaster declarations are coded as follows: DR = Major Disaster Declaration; EM = Emergency Declaration

Source: FEMA Disaster Declarations Summary - Open Government Dataset
(<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/28318?id=6292>)