

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Medina Children's Home Tower Site
Bandera County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2009-SS-T9-0064 (9976)

Interested persons are hereby notified that Texas Department of Public Safety has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of the Medina Children's Home tower site located in Bandera County, Texas. The project involves the construction of a 180-foot tall (top of structure) self-support telecommunications tower at Latitude 29.880944, Longitude -99.274889, at 21300 State Highway 16 North, Medina, Bandera County, Texas. The proposed tower will be used to manage routine daily radio traffic as well as emergency incident radio traffic. Upon completion of construction, the facility will be owned by Bexar County but will be loaned to and managed, on a permanent basis, by Bandera County as a lease agreement.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the **Bandera County Library**, 515 Main St, Bandera TX 78003, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the **Medina Community Library**, 13948 State Highway 16 N, Medina TX 78055, Monday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the **Lakehills Library**, 7200 FM 1283, Lakehills TX 78063, Monday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of February 16, 2012. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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