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North Central Texas Council of Governments

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments, and was established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered around the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. NCTCOG has over 230 member governments including all 16 counties, numerous cities, school districts, and special districts. The NCTCOG manages an annual budget in excess of \$100,000,000.

Each member government appoints a COG voting representative from its governing body. These voting representatives make up the General Assembly, which annually elects the Executive Board. The Executive Board, composed of 13 locally elected officials, is the policy-making body for all activities undertaken by the Council of Governments, including program activities and decisions, regional plans, and fiscal and budgetary policies. The Board is supported by technical, study, and policy development committees and a professional staff headed by Mike Eastland, Executive Director.

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Mike Eastland has been Executive Director of the North Central Texas Council of Governments since December 1, 1992. Mike's public management career spans 39 years of service in Texas and includes: Assistant to the City Manager in Wichita Falls; Deputy General Manager of the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority in Houston; Assistant City Manager, Richardson; City Manager of Killeen; Deputy City Manager in Waco; and prior to joining NCTCOG, he was City Manager of Carrollton for 8-1/2 years.

Mike has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Texas and an MPA degree from Texas State University where he was named a Distinguished Public Administration Alumnus in 1993. He has also attended the LBJ/Texas City Management Association's Public Executive Institute.

Mike is a member of the International City Management Association and served on its Executive Board from 1995 to 1997. Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Tom Phillips, appointed him to the Judicial Committee on Information Technology. He served on the Texas City Management Association Board in 1983-84 and from 1987 to 1990 and was President in 1989-90. He is also Past-President of the North Texas City Management Association, and formerly sat on the Board of the State Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education.

Executive Team

Monte Mercer, Director of Administration, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Monte attended Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with his Bachelor's in Business Administration. Soon after graduation Monte received his license as a Certified Public Accountant. For over twenty years he has been in municipal management with extensive experience in governmental management, finance and accounting.

His career has taken him to the City of Arlington, City of Denton and on to the City of Burleson. In 1992, he joined the City of Baytown as Finance Director. After two years he was promoted to Assistant City Manager for four years before being appointed to City Manager in 1998. Some examples of credits during his tenure range from streamlining the development process to putting development tools in place.



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Passage of the Economic Development sales tax was critical to complement efforts with citizens and staff to develop the 2020 Comprehensive Plan document. Other credits range from productivity and the quality of operations to working with state legislatures for the passage and implementation of legislation. After ten years with the City of Baytown, Monte joined the North Central Texas Council of Governments as Director of Administration in 2002. Monte has been and continues to be very active in professional and civic organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, Baytown Rotary Club, Baytown United Way and GFOAT, a recipient of the GFOAT Outstanding Finance Officer Award, to name just a few.

Tim Barbee, Director of Research and information Services, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Tim attended McMurry University in Abilene Texas and received a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant. Tim has over 20 years experience in municipal government with experience in municipal finance, water and wastewater utility and information technology.

Tim has been a member of various organizations such as the Government Finance Officers Association, Texas Municipal Utilities Association and the Texas Association of Governmental Information Technology Managers. He served for six years on the board of the University of Texas at Arlington Utilities Regional School that provides certification training and testing for water utility employees. Tim's efforts throughout his career have centered around automating processes and using technology to improve the effectiveness of operations. His current efforts are to work with area governmental organizations to identify opportunities to generate additional efficiencies through shared services arrangements.

Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services and Public Safety Communications, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Fred Keithley joined NCTCOG in 1969. Before then, he taught law enforcement administration at Kent State University, and served as Director of Public Safety for the City of Kent, Ohio. Prior to that, he was a consultant for Public Administration Service where he conducted public safety operations, organizational, and management studies. He holds a BA Degree in Law Enforcement Administration and an MPA, both from Indiana University. As NCTCOG's Director of Community Services, Fred has management responsibilities for 9-1-1 Administration, Law Enforcement Training, Local Government Training, Aging Programs, Criminal Justice Planning, and Public Safety Communications.

Mick Maguire, Research and information Services Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments

For customers requiring assistance with technical and business planning, Mick Maguire brings a wealth of experience. For more than 10 years, Mick has earned a reputation for providing skilled and practical guidance as a technical resource and business consultant. Mr. Maguire joined the NCTCOG team in October 2006 to help plan and manage collaborative initiatives, such as LEAP and Shared Services Center. Prior to joining the NCTCOG team, Mick spent several years working in various aspects of the IT organization at the City of Arlington, Texas. During his tenure with Arlington Mick worked with the Geographic Information Systems data tracking water and sewer infrastructure information, managed the implementation and ongoing administration of a utility billing and work order solution that serviced over 200,000 customers, and successfully coordinated the collaboration between three local government entities to implement a shared ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solution.



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LEAP Collaborator:

Forensic Logic

Forensic Logic, Inc. is a San Francisco Bay Area based company whose mission is to deliver timely information and analysis to public safety and homeland security officers responsible for reducing crime, protecting infrastructure, and planning for the response and recovery from disasters

Forensic Logic develops and deploys CrimePointWeb, a software system that collects law enforcement data from participating law enforcement agencies; aggregates that data into a centralized, but temporary, data cache; applies analytical formulas to the cached data, and returns both information and analysis to its customers in the field who access the information from a simple web browser.

CrimePointWeb may be scaled up from single jurisdictions having few subscribing officers to very large systems. For example, the LEAP system is based on the CrimePointWeb infrastructure that will integrate data from more than 2,850 independent police agencies in many different records management systems, to support more than 50,000 sworn officers subscribing to LEAP. Once fully deployed, information and analysis may be performed by any subscribing peace officer across 2,850 jurisdictions in a 270,000 square mile area serving a population of more than 20 million citizens.

The software infrastructure and analytical tools comprising LEAP are more fully described in a later section.

2010 LEAP Advisory Committee

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Denton Co SO - Chair	Benny Parkey, Sheriff	Denton
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