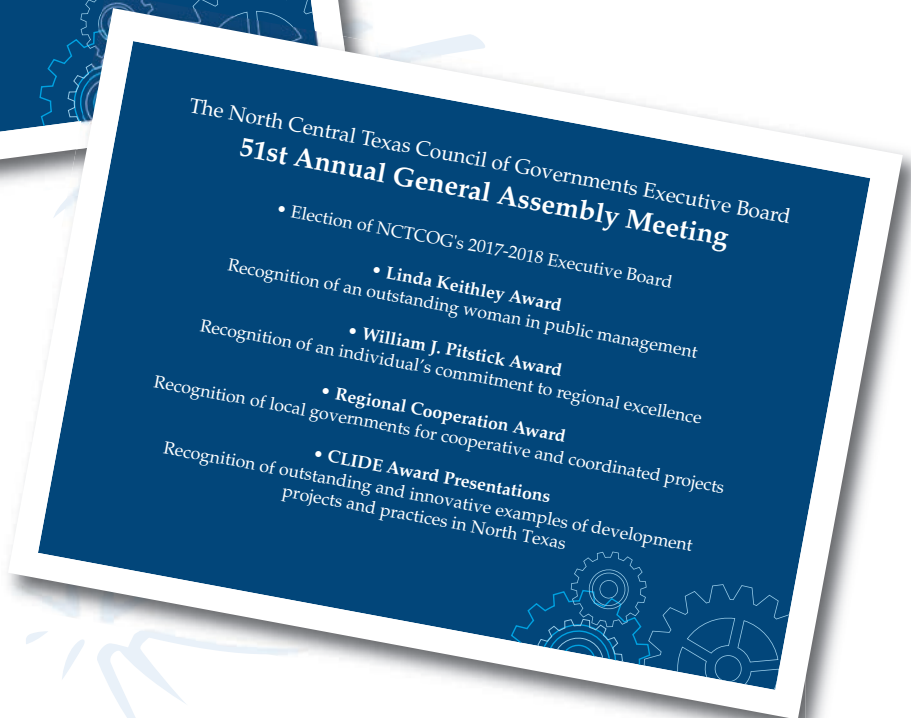
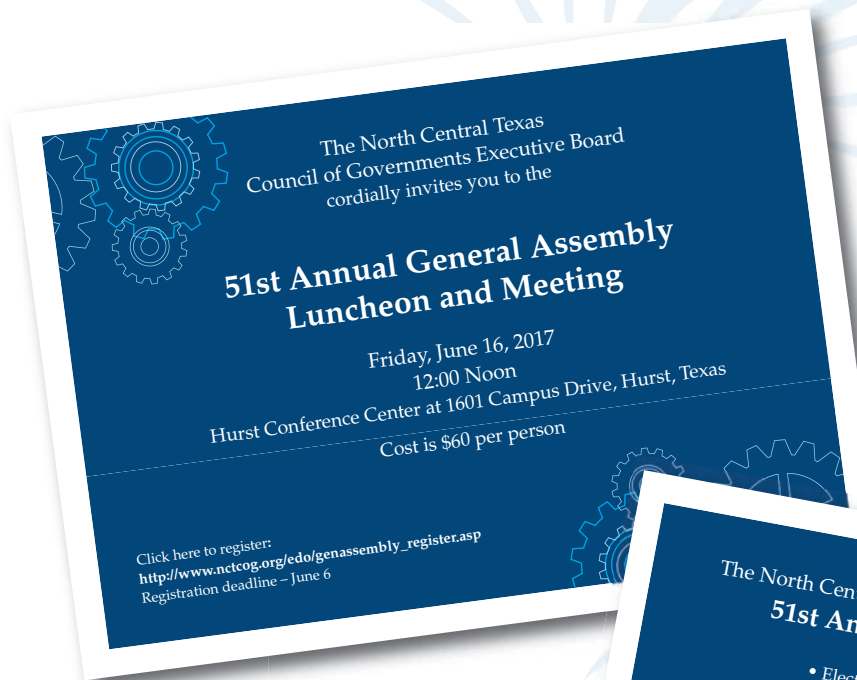




Join Us for NCTCOG's 51st Annual General Assembly

Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Hurst Conference Center, 1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas



To register, click on http://www.nctcog.org/edo/genassembly_register.asp



SAVE THE DATE! NCTCOG 18th Annual Public Works Roundup

The North Central Texas Council of Governments' Public Works Council (PWC) is excited to announce the 18th Annual Public Works Roundup on May 10, 2017 at the Grapevine Convention Center. The Roundup is a day-long event that draws public works professionals from across the region to communicate and coordinate on regional public works issues. A complimentary continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be served. There is no cost to attend the Roundup; however, due to limited seating, **registration is required**. This is an event you don't want to miss so to learn more and register visit <http://bit.ly/PublicWorksRoundup>.

Oncor Rate Change Application

On March 17, Oncor Electric Delivery Company (Oncor) filed an Application for Authority to Change Rates to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). The application seeks an adjustment to Oncor's total cost of service of approximately \$317 million over adjusted revenues based on a Test Year ended December 31, 2016. Among other items, the proposed rate case introduces changes that would impact solar and light-emitting diode (LED) projects in Oncor service territory.

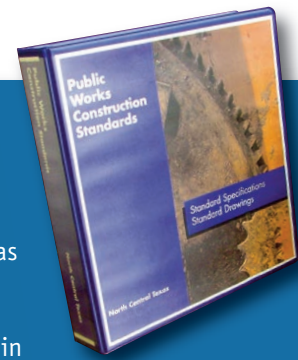
The rate case has been assigned the PUCT docket number 46957 and all relevant documentation can be found at <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/> under Filings Search.

Need to Replace a Diesel Vehicle or Equipment?

The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** expects to open their National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program in April. The **North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)** is trying to determine if there is a demand for these funds within the North Texas Region. Based on prior years, NCTCOG believes that grant funding would pay for 25% of the cost of replacing a current heavy-duty diesel vehicles or non-road equipment. If you own a diesel vehicle or equipment and might be interested in this opportunity contact NCTCOG staff at **817-695-9249** or AQgrants@nctcog.org. For more information on this opportunity please visit: <http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding>.

Public Works Construction Standards

For over 30 years NCTCOG has supported the public works industry in North Central Texas through publication and maintenance of Public Works Construction Standards - North Central Texas. The Public Works Construction Standards represents regional cooperation and coordination between local government and private industry public works officials in the North Central Texas region. Currently, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Public Works Council are in the process of updating the current version of the Public Works Construction Standards – North Central Texas, 2004 Version. We anticipate the update will be completed by fall 2017.



Field Technician Training Instructor Opportunity

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is seeking applications from qualified instructors for The Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) Field Technician Training. The training is expected to be 1.5 to 2 days in duration, will be held in late May or early June in Arlington, Texas, and will include both field and classroom components. The training will cover sampling techniques appropriate for collecting non-potable water samples, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 136, and chain of custody requirements. For more information and to apply for the opportunity visit https://nctcog.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?version=2&company_id=16153.

Free Technical Assistance for Financing Brownfield Redevelopment

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) Brownfields Technical Assistance Program provides technical assistance and resources on brownfields redevelopment financing. Visit www.cdfabrownfields.org for more information on this program and to view resources such as a Brownfields Financing Toolkit and the Brownfields Project Marketplace - an open forum that connects communities looking to finance brownfield redevelopment projects with development financiers and brownfield project experts.



Fleet Discounts on Alternative Fuels Vehicles!

North Texas public fleets have an opportunity to get substantial discounts on alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) for next year! Find out how at the **Fleets for the Future Bootcamp on May 24 from 10 am – 2 pm** to learn how your fleet can participate and benefit from this unique regional procurement process! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 17 to bmuller@nctcog.org or (817) 695-9299 to ensure an accurate head count for lunch orders. Learn more at www.nctcog.org/f4f.

Flood Awareness Week *in Texas* May 22-26, 2017

All Texans should be informed and prepared for floods and flash floods and to be mindful of signs and barriers warning of flood dangers.

Wear BLUE on May 24 to support flood awareness.

Turn Around, Don't Drown

*You could save your life
or the life of a loved one.*

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 22–26, 2017, to be

Flood Awareness Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 19th day of April, 2017.


Governor of Texas

Congratulations to the City of Plano on Bronze SolSmart Designation



Plano, TX accepts SolSmart Bronze designation. Pictured: Mayor Pro Tem Lissa Smith with SolSmart staff.

SolSmart officially designated the City of Plano SolSmart Bronze. In March, the City of Plano was designated for making solar energy more affordable and accessible. SolSmart designation recognizes communities for taking steps to reduce the cost of solar energy and becoming “open for solar business.” If your city would like to become a SolSmart city, applications and more information can be found at www.solsmart.org. NCTCOG staff is available to assist interested cities with applications and intake forms; if interested, contact **Kristina Ronneberg** at kronneberg@nctcog.org or **Rachel Evans** at revans@nctcog.org.

United States™ Census 2020

Road to 2020

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, each decade America counts its population. The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.

The next Census in 2020 will require counting an increasingly diverse and growing population of around 330 million people in more than 140 million housing units. To get an accurate count, the Census Bureau must build an accurate address list of every housing unit, maximize self-response to the census, and efficiently follow up with those who do not respond.

The decennial census is the largest mobilization and operation conducted in the United States and requires years of research, planning, and development of methods and infrastructure to ensure an accurate and complete count. You are invited to attend **Road to 2020**. At this event, you can:

- Learn about current and upcoming efforts
- Find out what your community needs to do to get ready
- Provide valuable input

For more information or to RSVP, visit <http://www.nctcog.org/ris/census/2020/workshop.asp>.

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