



FARM CREDIT BANK OF TEXAS

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Mike Sutherland, President
Association of Rural Communities in Texas
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President Sutherland:

I am writing to offer assistance to the representatives in your organization who are involved in the rebuilding and updating of infrastructure in rural communities hit by hurricane Harvey.

As state and federal resources are made available for this tremendous undertaking, Farm Credit can help those resources go further by:

- 1) Providing financing for rural water treatment, electricity, communications, energy, etc.
- 2) Partnering with local banks that may be limited in what they can do alone, and
- 3) Bringing invaluable expertise and experience to table.

The Farm Credit System is a \$300 billion nationwide network of cooperatively-owned rural lenders that can be leveraged to support these communities. As a Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE), we have a long-term perspective – for over 100 years, our mission has been to serve rural areas. Many people associate Farm Credit only with agriculture lending, but we have *billions of dollars of infrastructure loans* in our portfolio here in Texas and throughout the country.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience. In the meantime, I am attaching a fact sheet that provides additional information for your review. If you would like to call and discuss further, my direct line is 512-465-0735.

Thank you for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Wiechman
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Attachment: Rural Infrastructure Fact Sheet