



OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

DAVID SLAYTON
Administrative Director

June 13, 2013

Honorable Samuel Neal
County Judge, Nueces County
901 Leopard, Ste 303
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Re: Expired Memorandum of Understanding for Support of Continuity of Court
Operations in the Event of an Emergency

Dear Judge Neal:

Your county previously entered into the attached memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) with the Supreme Court of Texas to support the continuity of court operations in any other county that experiences a disaster, as well as provide for reciprocal assistance for your county’s courts in the event of a disaster. As you will note, the term of your MOU has expired.

We have all been reminded recently of how unexpectedly disasters can impact counties and courts. In order to be prepared for any unforeseen emergencies, including the upcoming hurricane season, you are strongly encouraged to execute a new MOU with the Supreme Court. Counties providing assistance pursuant to an MOU will be reimbursed for reasonable costs associated with that assistance. Participation in the plan is voluntary.

A few years ago, the Supreme Court of Texas Task Force to Ensure Judicial Readiness in Times of Emergency developed and approved an Interim Plan to Ensure Judicial Readiness in Times of Emergency. **The MOU form is attached as Appendix B to the attached Interim Plan.** *[Please note that the Interim Plan is still in effect and has not yet been replaced with a permanent plan.]*

If your county would like to continue to participate, please complete and sign the attached MOU with a copy of Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson’s signature affixed to it and return the signed copy of the MOU to:

Blake Hawthorne
Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711-2248

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If you have any questions, please contact Mary Cowherd, Deputy Director, Office of Court Administration, at mcowherd@txcourts.gov or 512/463-1629.

Sincerely,



David Slayton

attachments

cc: The Honorable John Ovard
 The Honorable Olen Underwood
 The Honorable Billy Ray Stubblefield
 The Honorable David Peeples
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