

### Deadline nears for ENS project proposals

The Capital Area Council of Governments is requesting proposals to provide an emergency notification system for its 10-county area. Proposals are due at its Austin office by 4 p.m. CST Friday, March 8, 2013.

Contact Ed Schaefer at [eschaefer@capcog.org](mailto:eschaefer@capcog.org) to register, receive a hard copy of the RFP and scope of work and ensure receipt of any addenda or related communications.

RFP materials, including a Q&A sheet, are also available at [www.capcog.org](http://www.capcog.org).

### Hennig to helm Economic Development program

CAPCOG has hired Texas native Michael Hennig as its new Economic Development Program manager.

Hennig joins CAPCOG from Austin-based AngelouEconomics, a nationally recognized economic development and site selection firm where he served as president.

With his extensive public- and private-sector experience on tap, Hennig will oversee the development and execution of services that support local and regional economic development activities.

This includes analyzing and sharing economic data, managing special projects that support regional planning efforts and economic prosperity and more.

Hennig, whose project experience reaches across the U.S. and abroad, holds a Master of Public Administration degree in economic development from the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Urban and Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Business Administration in entrepreneurship from Texas Christian University's Neeley School of Business.

### CAPCOG offers dispatcher applicant testing

CAPCOG Emergency Communications offers public-safety dispatcher, call-taker, and telecommunicator applicant testing for Public Safety Answering Points, or 9-1-1 communication centers, throughout the 10-county region.

Call-testing helps PSAPs select employees with the critical skills and abilities necessary to succeed on the job.

For more information or to schedule testing for your applicants, contact Devin Huntley at 512-916-6017 or [dhuntley@capcog.org](mailto:dhuntley@capcog.org).



*CAPCOG's Solid Waste Program promotes responsible management of household hazardous waste, which can include paints, pesticides, pool chemicals, cleaning supplies, stains and other common products.*

### Upcoming Events

**Homeland Security Task Force, 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, March 7 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Homeland Security: Long-Term Interoperability Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 7 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee, 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, March 7 Conference call**

**Law Enforcement Training: Basic Instructor Course, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 11-15 CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room**

**CAPCOG Executive Committee, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 13 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Law Enforcement Training: Basic Peace Officer Course (part-time, evening), March 18-Nov. 8 Williamson County Sheriff's Annex-Lott Center**

**Solid Waste Class: Basic Environmental Law, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21 Austin Water Utility Center for Environmental Research**

**Law Enforcement Training: Focus on Reducing Impaired Driving Among Youth, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 22 CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room**

**9-1-1 Task Force, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 27 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Capital Area Public Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 CAPCOG Agave Room**

**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Application Review — Juvenile Justice/Justice Assistance grants, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, April 1 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Application Review — Victim Services grants, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

## This month at CAPCOG

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### Free regional forum shares look at future-scenario tools

CAPCOG's Sustainable Places Project (SPP) will host the free regional forum, "Planning for Prosperity," 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, in Austin.

The forum, open to local governments, planning consultants, real estate developers and the public, will demonstrate a suite of interactive tools aimed at helping local jurisdictions and their communities develop and explore scenarios for a more efficient, financially sustainable future.

Speakers will include urban and regional planning expert John Fregonese of Fregonese Associates and members of the University of Texas analytics tool team.

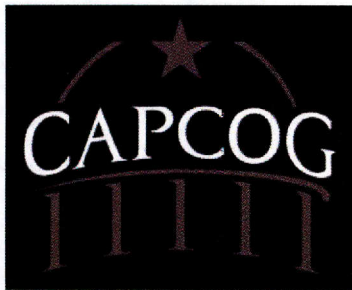
Includes breakfast. Limited seating. Get details and reserve your spot today at [www.sppregionalforum.eventbrite.com](http://www.sppregionalforum.eventbrite.com).

### Law enforcement training: opportunities available now

CAPCOG's Regional Law Enforcement Academy is accepting applications for cadet training, including its full-time, day Basic Peace Officer Course starting April 1 at the agency's Austin headquarters. The six-month class includes academic instruction, physical training and preparation for the state licensing exam.

For current law enforcement professionals, CAPCOG's continuing-education opportunities include the five-day Firearms Instructor Course starting March 18; the free class, Focus on Reducing Impaired Driving Among Youth, March 22; the five-day Basic Instructor Course in mid-May; and more. Get details on RLEA courses in the "Training and Workshops" section at [www.capcog.org](http://www.capcog.org).

CAPCOG's Use of Force Simulator, a state-of-the-art training tool that helps law enforcement personnel prepare for a variety of sensitive situations, is available. Contact Mike Jennings at 512-916-6164 or [mjennings@capcog.org](mailto:mjennings@capcog.org) to schedule the tool.



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### Grant Alerts

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Counseling Program  
Deadline: March 18  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

U.S. Department of Agriculture 2013 Conservation Innovation Grants  
Deadline: March 22  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Smart Growth Achievement Funding  
Deadline: April 12  
[www.epa.gov/smartgrowth](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth)

USDA Farm to School Grant Program  
Deadline: April 24  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Fast-Track Application FY 2014  
Deadline: May 23  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

TCEQ Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program  
Deadline: May 31 or until all funding is awarded, whichever occurs first  
[www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)

## A closer look: household hazardous waste

**W**ith the average home potentially containing as much as 100 pounds of environmentally harmful products, promoting responsible household hazardous waste management is a primary goal of CAPCOG's Solid Waste Program. Here's a closer look at how CAPCOG makes it happen.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients. Products such as paints, thinners, varnishes, cleaners, oils, batteries, cellphones, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and bug and weed killers may be considered HHW. These products are labeled "DANGER," "WARNING," "CAUTION," "TOXIC," "CORROSIVE," "FLAMMABLE" or "POISON" and may prove harmful to people, pets and the environment when used, stored or discarded improperly.

CAPCOG's Solid Waste Program maintains the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, which provides a structure for solid waste planning in the region. A key goal? Encouraging local and regional HHW collection and diversion programs.

To that end, CAPCOG promotes (1) coordination of public and private partnerships to share costs and provide services, (2) development of collection programs that encourage permanent reuse facilities and (3) cost-efficient collection programs other than one-day events.

CAPCOG also manages pass-through grants provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which may fund permanent HHW collection facilities or one-day collection events where permanent facilities aren't available.

CAPCOG facilitates the regional plan's goals and objectives through the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the CAPCOG Solid Waste Program. Committee participants help establish and promote priorities for solid waste planning, including HHW initiatives.

During the last funding cycle, the SWAC approved support for three upcoming HHW initiatives: Burnet County HHW and tire collection, scheduled April 20, 2013; a new City of Lakeway HHW Facility; and a Bastrop County HHW education and collection event on May 4.

CAPCOG's 10-county region includes four permanent facilities that accept household hazardous waste from residents:

- **City of Austin HHW Facility, 2514 Business Center Drive, 512-974-4343** — Free to city of Austin and Travis County residents; fee charged to other residents.
- **Williamson County Recycle Center, 495 County Road 156, at FM 971, Georgetown, 512-869-7287** — Free to Georgetown and Hutto residents; fee to Williamson and Burnet county residents.
- **City of San Marcos HHW Facility, 630 E. Hopkins St., 512-393-8440** — Free to Hays County residents.
- **City of Round Rock Recycling Facility, 310 Deepwood Drive, 512-218-5559** — Free to Round Rock Water utility customers with copy of Round Rock Water utility bill and a driver's license.

For more information on CAPCOG's Solid Waste Program or household hazardous waste, visit [www.capcog.org](http://www.capcog.org) or contact Ken May, solid waste program manager, at 512-916-6040.

### Did you know?

**Household hazardous waste** may also include some art and hobby chemicals.

**It's best to call** the household hazardous waste facility before bringing your items.

**If your area isn't served** by a household hazardous waste program, or travel to one of the listed sites isn't possible, another option includes safely storing your materials until the next convenient HHW community collection event.

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*The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) was created by state statute and is governed by elected officials from the 10-county region it serves. Programs and services related to public safety and emergency response, environmental planning, economic and community development and the elderly are delivered at a regional level to leverage funding, maximize cooperation and eliminate duplication. CAPCOG serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson counties.*

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