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# Member Organizations

**Angelo State University** Baylor College of Medicine **Baylor University Lamar University** National Weather Service Northeast Texas Consortium Prairie View A&M University Rice University Sam Houston State University Southern Methodist University Stephen F. Austin State University Texas A&M Health Science Center Texas A&M University Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Texas A&M University System Texas Association of Community Colleges Texas Christian University Texas Education Telecommunications Network Texas State University - San Marcos Texas Tech University



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Texas Woman's University
University of Houston System
University of North Texas System
University of Texas - Pan American
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas

University of Texas at El Paso University of Texas at San Antonio

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Texas System







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## Lefter from the Chair



Sam Segran Texas Tech University

On behalf of our Board of Directors, it is my distinct pleasure to present the 2013 edition of LEARN's Annual Report. As a result of dynamic leadership and partnerships with the private and public sectors, LEARN has created a collaborative community with a history of success, but a focus on the future. The four pillars of LEARN's mission, in our service to Texas, include education; research; healthcare and public service.

LEARN includes 39 members representing public and private institutions of higher education, K-12 public schools, community colleges, our academic health sciences centers and the National Weather Service. Additionally, there are 645 affiliate member organizations, across the broad spectrum of community anchor institutions in Texas that are now connected to the network. This large and diverse community uses the LEARN network as an important vehicle in creating collaborations with colleagues in Texas and around the world. The network enables this community to bring a world of opportunity and valuable educational experiences to over 823,000 Texas students enrolled in our institutions of higher education and over 1,034,000 Texas public school children enrolled in our K-12 schools.

Our Annual Report reflects the leadership role that Texas is playing in many critical areas and the contributions that Texans are making in educating our future leaders; conducting transformative research; improving healthcare and serving the public. The report shows the strategic role the network is playing in enabling our researchers to protect spacecraft from impacts; improve body armor; provide access to rare digital archives that will preserve our history for future generations; prepare our public school children to assume vital leadership positions in the future; interconnect and leverage new and existing networks for all Texans; transform cancer research and treatment; serve as a national leader in providing online graduate programs for our mobile society; use advanced networks to support the education and research missions of our institutions of higher education in an efficient and effective manner; develop new technology in unmanned aircraft systems; and stimulate economic development in Texas.

Our excellent LEARN Executive Director, staff and colleagues play important leadership roles in the international community of high performance research and education networks. This visibility and leadership brings recognition to Texas and is critical in providing the global interconnected information superhighway that Texas needs to remain competitive. Because of this outstanding leadership, next year several thousand people from around the world will come to Texas for two very important conferences. The preeminent supercomputing conference (SC15) that brings together researchers, scientists, information technology professionals, journalists and public officials from around the globe are coming to Austin in the fall of next year. Additionally, The Quilt, who is the association of regional optical networks like LEARN, will also be convening in Austin next fall.

We have much to be proud of, but we know we must build on our accomplishments, if Texas is to continue to play an essential global leadership role in the future!



## Letter from the Executive Director

As reflected in our Annual Report, LEARN plays a strategically important role for Texas in educating our students; changing the world through ground breaking research; improving the health of our citizens; being a catalyst for economic growth; and providing public services in Texas. For Texas to retain its leadership role in the very competitive interconnected world in which we live, we must continue to evolve with the changing environment. Yesterday's successes or solutions do not position us to meet emerging and future opportunities and challenges. It is this shared understanding that exists among our diverse set of public and private sector partners that will keep LEARN vitally important for Texas in the future.

During the past year, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso joined LEARN as our 39th member. As the only research and patient care focused health sciences center on the border between the United States and Mexico, we were excited to welcome them to our dynamic collaboration. Also during the year, we saw a substantial increase in the number of affiliated organizations who saw the value in connecting to the LEARN network and being a part of our community. At the end of 2013, almost 700 organizations were connected to the network.



Mike Phillips LEARN

During 2013, in collaboration with our partners, we expanded the topology of the network to areas with unmet needs and added several new "on ramps", in key areas of the state, to facilitate access to our valuable network services and foster new partnerships between the community of organizations connected to the network. Additionally, we deployed valuable new services for our members and affiliates, which was an essential element of the increasing demand for our services. This growth enabled the Board of Directors to make critical investments in strategic priorities and gives us the financial strength to ensure our long term relevance in the ever changing world that Texas must compete in.

Our cover this year reflects the importance of educating the public school children in Texas. They are our future and the long term success of Texas rests in their hands. The stakes could not be higher and LEARN is pleased to play an important role in helping the Texas Education Agency; the Education Service Centers; and our Independent School Districts educate our children. During 2013, LEARN competed in a request for proposal procurement process and won the opportunity to continue to support K-12 through June 30, 2017.

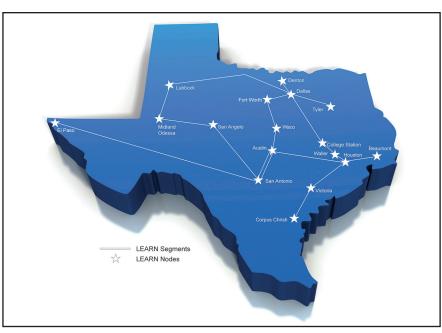
The LEARN network itself is a vital resource, but it is what the network enables our students; faculty; researchers; healthcare professionals; and public service officials to accomplish that is our focus. The activities and accomplishments that are highlighted in this report are impressive, but these examples are only the tip of the iceberg of the remarkable things these Texans are doing on the network. We appreciate your interest in LEARN and we look forward to working with you.



# Overview & History

#### Who is LEARN?

The Lonestar Education And Research Network (LEARN) is a consortium of 39 organizations throughout Texas that includes public and private institutions of higher education, community colleges, the National Weather Service, and K-12 public schools. The consortium, organized as a 501(c)(3), connects these organizations, and over 640 affiliated organizations, together with high performance optical network services to support their research, education, healthcare and public service missions. LEARN is also a part of a national community of research optical networks, and provides Texas connectivity to the national and international research and LEARN's network topology. education networks.



#### How was LEARN Created?

In 2003, a series of meetings were held to forge a shared vision concerning the value of creating a unifying high performance optical network for higher education in Texas. Despite the significant challenges that lay ahead, a consensus soon emerged among higher education leaders that it was strategically important to create an organization dedicated to high performance networking in Texas.

In the summer of 2003, the Texas Legislature endorsed the concept of providing the initial investment of \$7.5 million dollars to construct the proposed optical network for Texas. The legislature also endorsed the concept of funding a \$2.5 million proposal to develop a grid computing collaborative among the five universities in the Texas Internet Grid for Research and Education (TIGRE). While both projects were authorized by the Legislature, the grants were to be awarded under the auspices of the Texas Enterprises Fund

#### **LEARN'S Vision**

To be the premier organization providing advanced network services for research, education, healthcare and economic development throughout Texas. LEARN will be a national model for organizations that serve institutions of higher education. We will provide leadership in creating global networking initiatives.

(TEF), if authorized by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House.

In the fall of 2003, it was decided to use the Texas GigaPoP as the 501(c)(3) structure for the new statewide organization that later became LEARN. In January 2004, the officers of the new organization were installed at a Board meeting on the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas. The new organization was officially named "LEARN: Lonestar Education And Research Network". Therefore, at









that meeting, LEARN was created with a 30 member Board of Directors.

During 2004, LEARN worked with the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and the Department of Information Resources (DIR) as they studied the merit of authorizing a TEF grant for the optical network project. In the fall of 2004, the elected leadership offices announced that the State of Texas would support funding a TEF grant. The TEF grant provided the initial capital funds to acquire dark fiber and equipment or leased wavelengths for a "triangle" backbone connecting, Dallas, College Station, Houston, San Antonio and Austin with additional connections to El Paso, Lubbock, Denton, Tyler/Longview, Beaumont, Galveston and Corpus Christi.

On February 28, 2005, the Governor signed the TEF grant agreement to provide \$7.28 million in funding for the optical network project. LEARN now had the organizational, political and financial means to begin deploying the optical network for Texas.

#### Organization & Governance

LEARN's Board of Directors governs the overall affairs of the corporation. Committees of the Board have been formed to oversee specific areas of LEARN. The standing committees of the Board include: Finance, Governance and Participation, and Operations and Services. Additionally, an Audit Committee consisting of three elected Board members and an independent advisor monitors the activities of the annual independent audit. The Board also creates ad hoc committees of the Board, as necessary.

Within the authority delegated by the Board, the Executive Committee develops the Board agendas and governs the affairs of LEARN, between meetings of the Board. The Executive Committee is comprised of the elected officers of the corporation and the Chairs of the three standing committees. The elected officers of LEARN include: the Executive Director, Chair, Chair Elect, Past Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Other than the Executive Director, the officers are elected from the members of the Board of Directors.

The day-to-day business of LEARN is managed by the Executive Director of the corporation, who is elected by the Board and serves at their pleasure. The Executive Director employees and supervises a professional technical and administrative staff to conduct and manage operations.

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is comprised of representatives, with extensive technical expertise, from our member institutions. TAG members are appointed by the LEARN Board member from the institution they represent. The TAG Chair is elected by the TAG members. TAG is an advisory body to the Board, Executive Director and LEARN's Chief Technologist. TAG serves an important role in helping shape LEARN's infrastructure, operations and portfolio of services.



Akbar Kara LEARN, Chief Technologist



David Nichols Chair, Technical Advisory Group (TAG)









#### Network Infrastructure

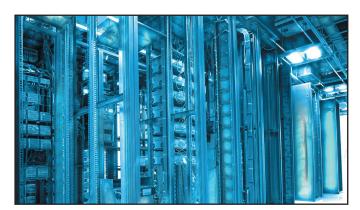
In collaboration with the public and private sector, LEARN's network spans over 3,200 miles across Texas. LEARN is built on dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) optical technology. This technology provides the capability to transport multiple high capacity signals over a shared optical fiber by using the different color wavelengths of laser light. DWDM is state-of-the-art technology that is very scalable and permits LEARN to leverage the initial investment by adding additional capacity at marginal costs.

LEARN is built on agreements with the private sector that provide the long term use of optical dark fibers and/or long term leases of optical wavelength capacity. When dark fiber is conveyed via an indefeasible right to use (IRU) agreement, LEARN provides the infrastructure to "light" the fiber and can add additional capacity, as needed. In wavelength capacity agreements, the service provider provides the infrastructure and bandwidth under the terms and conditions of the agreement.

#### Membership & Network Services

Each of the member institutions of LEARN pays \$20,000 per year in dues, which funds the general administration of LEARN. Members are entitled to appoint an individual to the Board of Directors and to acquire network services from LEARN at member rates. Network services are enabled based on the needs of individual members and collaborations among our members. Unlike the membership dues, network services are funded by the members who consume the services. Network service rates are set at levels to enable and sustain current and future network requirements. Network services include:

- Layer 1 Transport Services Between LEARN Pointsof-Presence (POP),
- Switched Layer 2 MPLS Services,
- Routed Layer 3 Services,
- Connection Gateways to the Internet2 National Research and Education Network,
- Colocation Services at LEARN Facilities,
- Commodity Internet Services, and
- Peering Services.



LEARN has over 30 network points-of-presence strategically located throughout Texas.

LEARN has received a Service Provider Identification

Number (SPIN) with the Universal Service Administration Company. Acquiring a SPIN number permits our school, library, and rural health customers to receive significant discounts through the Universal Services Fund.

The Board and the staff are committed to ensuring LEARN remains a customer focused organization. Enhancing our portfolio of services is a cornerstone of the strategic priorities, which are guiding our current initiatives. There is a broad consensus among our members that continuing to expand the scope of services, which are available from LEARN, creates operational efficiencies, provides additional options for customers, supports collaboration, and enhances the overall value of LEARN.



## Activities & Accomplishments

During the past year, LEARN has continued to build partnerships to enhance the strategic value of LEARN to Texas. LEARN is a very diverse and talented consortium with a history of success, but a focus on the future. Highlights from the past year include:

#### UT Researchers Help NASA Bring "Shields to Maximum, Mr. Scott"



Astronauts can't repair all space debris impact damage.

Debris from 50 years of space exploration is orbiting around the Earth and posing a danger to manned and unmanned spacecraft. According to NASA, there are more than 21,000 pieces of "space junk roughly the size of a baseball in orbit, and about 500,000 pieces that are golf ball-sized. When a piece of space junk strikes a spacecraft, the collision occurs at a velocity of 5 to 15 kilometers per second, roughly ten times faster than a speeding bullet. Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin are studying impact dynamics to find solutions to space debris impacts using the LEARN network and the Stampede supercomputing cluster at the Texas Advanced Computing Center.

Only some of the collisions that may occur in low earth orbit can be reproduced in the laboratory. UT is helping NASA determine the potential impact of fast moving orbital debris on spacecraft to assist in the design of shielding that can withstand hypervelocity impacts. The UT researchers have developed a numerical algorithm that simulates the shock physics of orbital debris particles striking the layers of Kevlar, metal, and fiberglass that makes up a space vehicle's outer defenses. Supercomputers enable researchers to investigate physical phenomenon that cannot be duplicated in the laboratory, either because they are too large, small, dangerous, or in this case, too fast to reproduce with current testing technology. The researchers are assisting NASA in the development of ballistic limit curves that predict whether a shield will be perforated when hit by a projectile of a given size and speed. NASA uses ballistic limit curves in the design and risk analysis of current and future spacecraft.

Back on Earth, UT researchers are using their research to study the impact of projectiles on body armor materials. This research is supported by the Office of Naval Research. The numerical technique originally developed to study impacts on spacecraft works well for a completely different application at lower velocities, in part because some of the same materials used on spacecraft for orbital debris protection, such as Kevlar, are also used in body armor. Parameters used in their research such as the material's strength, flexibility, and thermal properties, are replicated in the supercomputer simulations to capture the complex interaction of the multiple layers of a fabric protection system, some fragments getting caught in the mesh of yarns, others breaking through the layers and perforating the barrier.

What can researchers learn about the layer-to-layer impact response of a fabric barrier through simulation? Can body armor be improved by varying the weave type of the many layers in a typical fabric barrier? Can simulations assist the design engineer in developing orbital debris shields that better protect spacecraft? The range of engineering design questions are endless, and supercomputing simulations and high performance networks like LEARN play an important role in the development of improved impact protection systems for spacecraft and people on Earth.





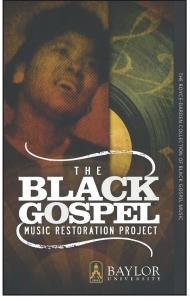




#### **Baylor's Digital Collections Are Global Treasures**

Baylor University's Riley Digitization Center celebrated its fifth anniversary in October 2013. In just five years, Baylor's Digital Projects Group has worked diligently to create 58 online collections that contain 6.6 million files that total over 38 terabytes of data, making it among the largest digital collections in the state of Texas. The collections vary in size and scope, and are publicly available at digitalcollections.baylor.edu. These collections are critical to a variety of research endeavors and each month about 34,000 of the files are accessed. These files are saved to preservation servers in the Riley Digitization Center, but are also dark archived with the Texas Digital Library (TDL). The Digital Project Group regularly pushes multiple terabytes of data to TDL over the LEARN network so that, if a catastrophe occurs with its preservation servers, a full, recent backup is readily accessible. The speed and convenience of the LEARN network makes this archival solution feasible for Baylor.

Two collections in particular highlight the level of excellence that Baylor's Digitization Center has attained. The Black Gospel Music Restoration Project, which collects and digitally preserves black gospel music from the 1940s to the present, has received national acclaim in the past and will be included in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture when it opens in 2015. Music from the collection will be delivered to the



Baylor's collection will be included in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History.

Smithsonian and featured as part of the exhibit using the LEARN network. The Smithsonian's decision to include Baylor's collection in its African American History and Culture museum will ensure that the collection will continue to grow and that this important part of America's cultural history will be preserved and remembered.





The Browning Letters Collection has received international acclaim.

The Browning Letters Collection was released to the public on Valentine's Day 2012, boasting digital copies of the complete holdings of Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library and the Browning courtship letters held by Wellesley College. The new collection received international acclaim and has since been expanded to include the complete collection of Browning correspondence held by Wellesley College, four previously unknown Browning letters from Highclere Castle in England, letters from private donors and will soon include letters from the Bodleian and Balliol Libraries at Oxford. The goal of this collection is to be an internationally accessible resource for Browning research

that contains every known letter penned by the Brownings. Without LEARN's network resources, sharing these priceless collections with the world and preserving them for future generations would not be possible. The ease of access and speed of LEARN's network will continue to allow Baylor's Riley Center to make unique content available to the public and researchers across the globe.









#### TETN/LEARN Partnership Benefits Texas' Schoolchildren

The Texas Education Telecommunications Network (TETN) uses the LEARN network to connect K-12 students across Texas to improve student performance and to increase the efficiency of public school educational programs via an integrated statewide network. TETN is a consortium of 21 entities; the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and all 20 Texas Education Service Centers (ESCs). ESC 13 is the fiscal agent for their collaboration and is responsible for the consortium's budget and the TETN office.

As a result of ESC 11's Connect2Texas initiative, students were able to interact with the Bob Bullock History Museum, Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, the National



Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, and the Fort Worth Zoo to name just a few of the 25 content providers that are available to enhance and engage students in their learning. Students are enlightened by these topics, as well as many others: "ABC's of Chemistry", "Paleontology 101", "Icy Science", "Geometric Transformations", "John F. Kennedy and the Dallas Civil Rights Movement", "Habitats of the Gulf of Mexico", "ASI: Animal Skull Investigation!" and "Cowgirl Science".



The LEARN and TETN collaboration is also used to support over 10,000 K-12 students in Texas who are dual-enrolled in courses delivered by different schools. Leveraging the bandwidth and connectivity of the LEARN network enables students to participate in high school courses that are not offered in their own districts, to receive credit toward their diploma. Additionally, dual credit classes are available between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education that provide students the opportunity to gain higher education credit hours while attending high school.

Ho! Ho! Over 18,000 students were "edutained" by Santa and Mrs. Claus through a program presented by ESC 3 over the network enabled by TETN and LEARN. Mrs. Claus read a book and answered hundreds of questions from students in kindergarten through second grade. Programs like this provide young students the opportunity to experience interactive videoconferencing technology and exercise their communication skills.



Additionally, in collaboration with ESC 6, students throughout Texas have access to a series of programs on one of the greatest Texans in our history, General Sam Houston. Students in fourth and seventh grade learn about General Sam Houston



from the General himself, as the curator of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum impersonates him and shares the General's experiences. Texas history comes alive for these students as they engage in conversation and questions with General Sam Houston.









#### Texas A&M & LEARN Partnership – Leveraging Network Resources for Texas



The project laid 151 miles of new fiber to connect 114,000 students.

During 2013, the Texas A&M University System completed its Texas Pipes fiber based network project to provide connectivity to six A&M System member institutions that are now connected to the new infrastructure. Funded by a \$6.6 million Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant, the Texas Pipes network interconnects with the LEARN network to provide 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps) connections to all 11 A&M System campuses and has the ability to increase the bandwidth to 10Gbps in the future.

The Texas Pipes project initiative leverages the existing broadband infrastructure and enables new connections between the A&M System campuses and the A&M System's TTVN network backbone, which utilizes the LEARN network. Through its project partners,

Texas Pipes brings broadband capabilities to underserved areas of Texas, increases access to distance learning, research and health services. The project connects K-12 schools, libraries, healthcare providers and public safety entities to high speed Internet service. Additionally, the Texas Pipes project enabled LEARN and Texas A&M to develop a partnership to provide a protected network ring between Dallas and Tyler that mitigates the risk of network service disruptions in the northeastern part of Texas.

#### MD Anderson Cancer Center - Transforming Cancer Prevention & Treatment

Cancer research and care generate large volumes of complex "big data". However, many databases currently do not interface with each other, because they are generated by and housed separately in prevention, research and clinical departments versus a centralized platform. Harnessing complex big data provides transformative opportunities to ask complex questions and identify new knowledge in existing data. Therefore, MD Anderson Cancer Center has been developing a new adaptive learning environment to improve the effectiveness of cancer patient care today and advance the future care of its patients.

This adaptive learning environment relies on cutting-edge information and computer technologies to seamlessly blend patient data with knowledge from research studies and best practices in clinical care to enable rapid and continuous learning, a process known as translation. Using analytic tools powered by third-generation cognitive computing systems can provide oncology knowledge and on demand expertise tailored to a specific patient. This new environment allows clinicians and patients to benefit from the latest research insights and apply it against complex patient data and clinical knowledge to enable more informed treatment decisions.



More than 7.6 million deaths are caused by cancer each year.

Serving as the nerve center of the adaptive learning environment, MD Anderson's big data analytics platform consists of two functional components. The first is the Institutional Longitudinal Patient Disease Registry, which securely houses complex big data sets in one centralized location. The second is a suite of powerful analytic tools that interrogate and learn from the data to provide end users with understandable











The impact of cancer on families can be devastating.

and actionable answers to their clinical or research questions.

While MD Anderson clinicians are exceptional, decision support provided by big data analytics and streamlined integrated workflows that promote cross disciplinary collaboration hold the key to understanding why some patients never respond to treatment, why some patients initially respond and then relapse, and why some patients have long-lasting responses. This new adaptive learning environment will play a strategically important role in transforming our understanding and treatment of cancer. High performance networks like LEARN will enable physicians globally, the opportunity to connect with their MD Anderson Cancer Center colleagues no matter where the patient is located, improving outcomes and reducing suffering worldwide.

#### Lamar University Ranked 3rd Nationally in Online Graduate Programs

Networks like LEARN are playing a key role in supporting online education for students. In today's interconnected world, mobility and access to content and services from virtually any place in the world is the expectation of society. Recent studies indicate that over 6 million students in the United States are accessing courses online and that number is growing by 10% each year.

Graduate programs.com surveys over 15,000 current and recent graduate students taking courses online.

Graduate Programs then ranks each graduate program for schools who offer graduate programs online. Their rankings cover a variety of student focused areas, such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid, and quality of network. Lamar University's online programs were ranked third in the nation by Graduate Programs based on ratings and reviews by more than 15,000 students enrolled in over 500 different online programs. Lamar was ranked just behind Johns Hopkins University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In addition to rating their respective programs, students often post comments regarding their experiences. One student earning her graduate degree from Lamar University online wrote, "My career as an international teacher takes me around the world, so being able to get my graduate degree while traveling is a complete blessing."



Texas is a leader in online education.

The flexibility, convenience and growing acceptance of online distance education is creating a new trend in how college students attend classes and earn their degrees. Today, almost all public institutions in the United States offer some type of online coursework, either through online only programs or blended courses where students attend classroom lectures and participate in online class activities. Higher education institutions in Texas are playing a leadership role in online education. In addition to Lamar University, LEARN members Texas A&M University, Sam Houston State University, and Angelo State University were also ranked in the top 20 institutions nationally for online graduate programs by Graduate Programs.

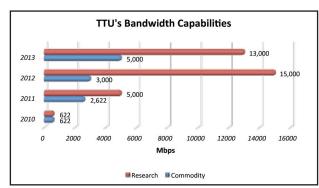








#### Enhancing Education & Research at Texas Tech University Through Its LEARN Partnership



LEARN helps TTU meet its growing bandwidth requirements.

Texas Tech University's (TTU) partnership with the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) has greatly assisted TTU in achieving its institutional teaching and research priorities. Before TTU partnered with LEARN, high speed, high capacity Internet bandwidth was available only from one or two commercial providers at a high cost to the university. Through LEARN's network services, Texas Tech University System institutions (Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, and Angelo State University) are now connected by dual fiber optic links.

The direct connection to LEARN's Dallas POP gave Texas Tech University access to Internet providers in the metroplex, allowing TTU to grow its total Internet bandwidth from 622Mbs from one provider in 2010 to 5Gbps across three providers by 2013. This increase in bandwidth and reliability has allowed TTU to more fully utilize cloud-based services for key services, such as our Blackboard Learning Management System and OmniUpdate Web CMS, expand Online and Distance Education programs, and enhance connectivity to TTU remote sites in Junction, Fredericksburg, and Marble Falls.

Similar to the growth in Commodity Internet, Internet2 bandwidth provided through the LEARN partnership grew from 622Mbps in 2010 to 13Gbps in 2013, with virtually a limitless growth potential. Such a rapid increase in research bandwidth provided an immediate benefit to the High Energy Physics Department's work on the Large Hadron Collider Project, allowing TTU researchers to transfer terabytes of data over Internet2 between FermiLab and TTU, and to analyze the data. The massive increase in Internet2 bandwidth provided through LEARN created a temporary bottleneck as data traversed the existing campus backbone at that time. To facilitate high speed large dataset transfers, TTU established a 10Gbps campus Research Network, with future expansion plans to 40Gbps and 100Gbps. The current Research Network connects data servers at the TTU High Performance Computing Center (HPCC) facility at the Lubbock Campus Experimental Sciences Building, the HPCC facility at Reese Technology Center, and the Advanced Technology Learning Center Communications facility.

Most recently, Texas Tech's National Wind Institute partnered with Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) to study wind turbine technology at the newly established Scaled Wind Farm Technology (SWiFT) facility. The partnership utilizes TTU's high speed Internet2 connectivity to transfer real time data from the SWiFT facility to SNL. Future research projects and partnerships at Texas Tech are expected to increasingly rely upon fast data connections between TTU and its academic and commercial partners. The LEARN partnership paves the way for these types of future collaborations as we continue to enhance TTU's national research university status.

Finally, the TTU-LEARN partnership, combined with TTU's Unified Communications technology, enables seamless communications across the state of Texas utilizing SIP trunks, Voice-over-IP, video conferencing, and Skype conferencing. This greatly increases TTU's presence across the state of Texas and the world, opening the door for new and enhanced online and distance education programs, and for electronic collaboration with peers and partners.









#### Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi Receives Prestigious Designation

Texas has been named a test site for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), based on a statewide proposal led by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. "We are proud to be a part of this historic moment in aviation history," said Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President and CEO of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. "Together with our partners, we will lead the way for the research and development of this new age in aviation technology." Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will leverage the LEARN network to collaborate with the top engineering, research and technology experts in the state including those at the University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute, the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, and other research institutions and private sector companies.

Unmanned aircraft systems come in a variety of shapes and sizes and serve diverse purposes. They may have a wingspan as large as a Boeing 737 or smaller than a radio-controlled model airplane. Regardless of size, the responsibility to fly safely applies equally to both manned and unmanned aircraft operations. Because they are inherently different from manned aircraft, introducing UAS into the nation's airspace is challenging for both the FAA and the aviation community. UAS must be integrated into a National Airspace System (NAS) that is evolving from ground-based navigation aids to a GPS-based system in NextGen. Safe integration of UAS involves gaining a better understanding of operational issues such as training require-



Texas plays a critical role in developing unmanned aircraft systems technology.

ments, operational specifications and technology considerations.

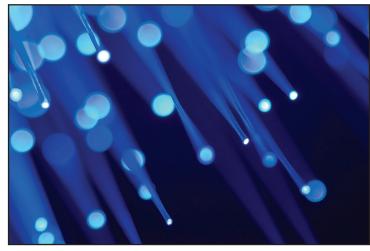
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has been involved in researching unmanned aerial systems technologies for about two years. The university has been looking at ways to use these technologies for mapping sea grass, detecting oil spills and wildfires, hurricane monitoring and even counting herds for ranchers. The test sites will facilitate testing and research of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) technologies to provide scientific data on the future integration of these aircraft safely with other air traffic. Congress mandated that the UAS be integrated into the national airspace by 2015. One of the main research goals is finding the safest methods for unmanned planes to sense other aircraft and take measures to avoid collisions.

This historic decision will have huge financial implications for the entire state of Texas, especially South Texas. The Association of Unmanned Vehicles International published an economic impact study last March projecting, once airspace is opened to UAS, the economic impact would be about \$8 billion statewide, and \$260 million in South Texas over the next 10 years; creating about 1,200 jobs.



## Infrastructure Performance

LEARN has deployed and operates a sophisticated state-of-the-art fiber-based optical network throughout Texas. The infrastructure is "carrier grade" optical technology that is highly reliable and capable of provisioning high speed bandwidth between Texas cities. While capacity is important, the reliability of the network is just as important. In today's complex and interconnected world, an "always on" reliable network is the foundation of our members' needs and their expectations. A network outage can cause significant disruptions for our members.



LEARN uses light from lasers to transport large data sets.

The topology of the vast majority of LEARN's network is designed to provide optical rings, which

serve as a protected path for our customers in the event of a failure in the network infrastructure. This design redundancy is a key element of the network's performance from a customer impact perspective.

The LEARN Network Operations Center (NOC) is staffed by professional network engineers, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. The NOC serves as the central point for monitoring and managing the overall health and performance of the network. LEARN engineers have the network management tools and the training they need to manage the configuration of the network, monitor the performance of the network segments and their components, diagnose and isolate the cause of performance issues, and manage incidents until they are resolved. LEARN staff works closely with our members to align our network management practices and performance with their needs.

Despite the network design, the reliability of deployed infrastructure, operational discipline, and the expertise of our network engineers, occasionally components of the network fail. In order to reduce the time required to replace these components, LEARN has acquired and strategically deployed critical infrastructure spares throughout the network. Additionally, LEARN maintains maintenance and support agreements for its critical infrastructure.

During the past year, LEARN's network continued to provide reliable service for our customers. Our FrameNet or Layer 2 services and Layer 3 services were available without disruption. For our WaveNet Layer 1 services, the overall network availability for our core backbone was 99.999% of the time and our Layer 1 network spurs were available 99.765% of the time. While these performance levels are very favorable compared with other telecommunications companies, LEARN is always exploring strategies to improve the availability of the network and customer satisfaction.

Part of the LEARN strategy to continue to improve availability of the network includes acquiring additional monitoring and reporting tools. During 2013, engineers deployed additional network management tools, as a part of our ongoing strategy, to continually improve the network's performance and availability. Additionally, LEARN's overall strategy also includes efforts to improve staff efficiency to meet the needs of our growing network. A database to provide a comprehensive centralized source for contact, asset, and circuit data was deployed in 2013, as a part of that strategy.

# The 4 pillars of LEARN's mission:

- Education
- Healthcare
- Research
- Public Service









# Appendices



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# Financial Statements

#### LONESTAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK

**Financial Statements** 

Year Ended

December 31, 2013









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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors Lonestar Education and Research Network Lubbock, TX

I have compiled the accompanying Statement of Financial Position of Lonestar Education and Research Network (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2013 and the related Statement of Activities for the year then ended. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and statement of cash flow required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures and statement of cash flow were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusion about the Organization's financial position, changes in assets, results of operations, and cash flow. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Certified Public Accountant

Celus CPA

February 22, 2014









## LONESTAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSTITION DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### ASSETS

| Program Fund   Network Fund  |  | Current Operating Funds |                     |      |              |    |             |
|--|--|-------------------------|---------------------|------|--------------|----|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents   S  |  |                         |                     |      |              |    | Total       |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | CLIDDENIT ACCETC                         | Progra                  | m Fund              |      | Network Fund |    |             |
| Accounts receivable:   |  | S                       | 827 804             | s    | 9 858 503    | s  | 10 686 307  |
| Parameter certificard rewards  |  | *                       | 027,001             | Ψ    | ,,000,000    |    | 10,000,507  |
| Total Current Assets   830,477   9,933,448   10,763,925  | Network services                         |                         | -                   |      | 74,945       |    | 74,945      |
| Total Current Assets   830,477   9,933,448   10,763,925  |  |                         |                     |      | -            |    |             |
| Network equipment   G9,422   T,260,894   T,260,894   Furniture and equipment   G9,422   T,260,894   T,330,316   T,260,894   T,330,316   T,260,894   T,330,316   T,260,894  | Funds held by others                     |                         | 1,900               |      | <u> </u>     |    | 1,900       |
| Network equipment   69,422   | Total Current Assets                     |                         | 830,477             |      | 9,933,448    |    | 10,763,925  |
| Network equipment   69,422   | PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT                   |                         |                     |      |              |    |             |
| Furniture and equipment 69,422 7,260,894 7,330,316 Less accumulated depreciation (51,239) (51,26,613) (5,177,852)  Property and Equipment - net 18,183 2,134,281 2,152,464  OTHER ASSETS Network and IRU access rights - 8,617,341 8,617,341 Less accumulated amortization - 3,542,803) (3,542,803)  Total Other Assets - 5,074,538 5,074,538  TOTAL ASSETS S 848,660 \$ 17,142,267 \$ 17,990,927   **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**  CURRENT LIABILITIES Deferred revenue \$ \$ - \$ \$ 667,500 \$ 667,500 \$ 667,500 \$ 607,500 \$ 6 | ,  |                         | -                   |      | 7,260,894    |    | 7,260,894   |
| Less accumulated depreciation   (51,239)   (5,126,613)   (5,177,852)   |  |                         | 69,422              |      | <u> </u>     |    | 69,422      |
| Property and Equipment - net   18,183   2,134,281   2,152,464  |  |                         |                     |      |              |    |             |
| OTHER ASSETS Network and IRU access rights Less accumulated amortization         -         8,617,341 (3,542,803)         8,617,341 (3,542,803)           Total Other Assets         -         5,074,538         5,074,538           TOTAL ASSETS         \$ 848,660         \$ 17,142,267         \$ 17,990,927           LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS           CURRENT LIABILITIES           Deferred revenue         \$ -         \$ 667,500         \$ 667,500           Accounts payable         96,858         81,647         178,505           Credit acras payable - current portion         20,177         8,890         29,067           Capital leases payable - current portion         -         38,400         38,400           Total Current Liabilities         117,035         796,437         913,472           LONG TERM LIABILITIES         17,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500,23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         1.17,035         9,414,500,23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         731,625         9,414,500,23         10,146,125           Member balances reserve         -         6,703,605         6,70  | Less accumulated depreciation            |                         | (51,239)            |      | (5,126,613)  | _  | (5,177,852) |
| Network and IRU access rights  | Property and Equipment - net             |                         | 18,183              |      | 2,134,281    |    | 2,152,464   |
| Network and IRU access rights  | OTHER ASSETS                             |                         |                     |      |              |    |             |
| Less accumulated amortization   -  |  |                         | _                   |      | 8,617,341    |    | 8,617,341   |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES  |  |                         | -                   |      | (3,542,803)  |    | (3,542,803) |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES  | Total Other Assets                       |                         | -                   |      | 5,074,538    |    | 5,074,538   |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES           Deferred revenue         \$         -         \$         667,500         \$         667,500           Accounts payable         96,858         81,647         178,505           Credit cards payable         20,177         8,890         29,067           Capital leases payable - current portion         -         38,400         38,400           Total Current Liabilities         117,035         796,437         913,472           LONG TERM LIABILITIES           Capital leases net of current portion         -         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  | TOTAL ASSETS                             | \$                      | 848,660             | \$   | 17,142,267   | \$ | 17,990,927  |
| Deferred revenue   \$   -   \$   667,500   \$   667,500   Accounts payable   96,858   81,647   178,505   Credit cards payable   20,177   8,890   29,067   Capital leases payable - current portion   -   38,400   38,400   38,400   Total Current Liabilities   117,035   796,437   913,472   DATE   Capital leases net of current portion   -   94,168   94,168   Total Liabilities   117,035   890,605   1,007,640   Accounts payable - current portion   -   94,168   94,168   Payable - current portion   -   94,168   Payable - current portion   -   94,168   Payable - current portion   -   Payable - current portion  |  | LIAB                    | ILITIES AND NET ASS | SETS |              |    |             |
| Accounts payable         96,858         81,647         178,505           Credit cards payable         20,177         8,890         29,067           Capital leases payable - current portion         -         38,400         38,400           Total Current Liabilities         117,035         796,437         913,472           LONG TERM LIABILITIES         2         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  | CURRENT LIABILITIES                      |                         |                     |      |              |    |             |
| Credit cards payable         20,177         8,890         29,067           Capital leases payable - current portion         -         38,400         38,400           Total Current Liabilities         117,035         796,437         913,472           LONG TERM LIABILITIES           Capital leases net of current portion         -         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287   | Deferred revenue                         | \$                      | -                   | \$   | 667,500      | \$ | 667,500     |
| Capital leases payable - current portion         -         33,400         38,400           Total Current Liabilities         117,035         796,437         913,472           LONG TERM LIABILITIES         Capital leases net of current portion         -         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  | Accounts payable                         |                         | 96,858              |      | ,            |    | 178,505     |
| Total Current Liabilities         117,035         796,437         913,472           LONG TERM LIABILITIES  |  |                         | 20,177              |      | ,            |    |             |
| LONG TERM LIABILITIES         94,168         94,168           Capital leases net of current portion         -         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         -         -           Life cycle replacement         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  | Capital leases payable - current portion |                         | -                   |      | 38,400       |    | 38,400      |
| Capital leases net of current portion         -         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Life cycle replacement         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  | Total Current Liabilities                |                         | 117,035             |      | 796,437      |    | 913,472     |
| Capital leases net of current portion         -         94,168         94,168           Total Liabilities         117,035         890,605         1,007,640           NET ASSETS         Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Life cycle replacement         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  | LONG TERM LIABILITIES                    |                         |                     |      |              |    |             |
| NET ASSETS           Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287   |  |                         | -                   |      | 94,168       |    | 94,168      |
| Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         -           Life cycle replacement         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287   | Total Liabilities                        |                         | 117,035             |      | 890,605      |    | 1,007,640   |
| Unrestricted net assets         731,625         9,414,500.23         10,146,125           Unrestricted board designated net assets         -         -           Life cycle replacement         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287   | NET ASSETS                               |                         |                     |      |              |    |             |
| Life cycle replacement         -         6,703,605         6,703,605           Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287  |  |                         | 731,625             |      | 9,414,500.23 |    | 10,146,125  |
| Member balances reserve         -         133,557         133,557           Total Net Assets         731,625         16,251,662         16,983,287   | Unrestricted board designated net assets |                         |                     |      |              |    | -           |
| Total Net Assets 731,625 16,251,662 16,983,287   |  |                         | -                   |      |              |    |             |
|  | Member balances reserve                  | -                       | -                   |      | 133,557      |    | 133,557     |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 848,660 \$ 17,142,267 \$ 17,990,927  | Total Net Assets                         |                         | 731,625             |      | 16,251,662   |    | 16,983,287  |
|  | TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS         | \$                      | 848,660             | \$   | 17,142,267   | \$ | 17,990,927  |



Ending balance at December 31, 2013







#### LONESTAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 30, 2013

|  |    | Current Operating Funds |   |    |                  |  |
|--|----|-------------------------|---|----|------------------|--|
|  |    | Unrestricted            |   |    | Total            |  |
|  | -  | Program Fund            | Network Fund                            |    | Total            |  |
| REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT                   |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| Network services                             | \$ | - \$                    | 6,503,090                               | \$ | 6,503,090        |  |
| Membership dues                              |    | 814,000                 | - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |    | 814,000          |  |
| Investment income                            |    | 3,283                   | 45,828                                  |    | 49,111           |  |
| Other Income                                 |    |                         | 2,073                                   |    | 2,073            |  |
| NET ASSETS TRANSFERS:                        |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| Fund transfers                               |    | 22,274                  | (22,274)                                |    | -                |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT             |    | 839,557                 | 6,528,717                               |    | 7,368,274        |  |
| EXPENSES                                     |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| PROGRAM SERVICES                             |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| Connections and fibers                       |    | -                       | 2,494,958                               |    | 2,494,958        |  |
| Installation                                 |    | -                       | 153,747                                 |    | 153,747          |  |
| Network parts and supplies                   |    | -                       | 43,519                                  |    | 43,519           |  |
| Amortization                                 |    | -                       | 741,991                                 |    | 741,991          |  |
| Depreciation                                 |    | <del>-</del>            | 520,441                                 |    | 520,441          |  |
| Total Program Expenses                       |    | -                       | 3,954,656                               |    | 3,954,656        |  |
| SUPPORTING SERVICES                          |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| Professional fees                            |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| Administration                               |    | 391,882                 | 498,084                                 |    | 889,966          |  |
| Legal  |    | 20,714                  | -                                       |    | 20,714           |  |
| Auditing                                     |    | 17,000                  | -                                       |    | 17,000           |  |
| Accounting                                   |    | 8,505                   | -                                       |    | 8,505            |  |
| Consulting                                   |    | 5,438                   | -                                       |    | 5,438            |  |
| Salaries and wages                           |    | 9,759                   | 201,249                                 |    | 211,008          |  |
| Travel                                       |    | 29,035                  | 45,165                                  |    | 74,200           |  |
| Books, subscriptions and reference materials |    | 16,300                  | 4,537                                   |    | 20,837           |  |
| Insurance                                    |    | 42,449                  | -                                       |    | 42,449           |  |
| Sponsored meetings                           |    | 39,238                  | 1,117                                   |    | 40,355           |  |
| Office rent                                  |    | 23,241                  | -                                       |    | 23,241           |  |
| Federation support Membership dues           |    | 21,002<br>19,910        | -                                       |    | 21,002<br>19,910 |  |
| Office expenses                              |    | 7,788                   | 5,909                                   |    | 13,697           |  |
| Computer and software supplies               |    | 6,327                   | 6,566                                   |    | 12,893           |  |
| Telephone                                    |    | 11,541                  | 138                                     |    | 11,679           |  |
| Payroll taxes                                |    | 798                     | 10,091                                  |    | 10,889           |  |
| Marketing, education and awards              |    | 7,827                   | -                                       |    | 7,827            |  |
| Office utilities and maintenance             |    | 6,413                   | -                                       |    | 6,413            |  |
| Payroll processing fee                       |    | 1,898                   | -                                       |    | 1,898            |  |
| Depreciation                                 |    | 4,341                   | -                                       |    | 4,341            |  |
| Total Supporting Services                    |    | 691,406                 | 772,856                                 |    | 1,464,262        |  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                               |    | 691,406                 | 4,727,512                               |    | 5,418,918        |  |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS                        |    | 148,151                 | 1,801,205                               |    | 1,949,356        |  |
| NET ASSETS:                                  |    |                         |   |    |                  |  |
| Beginning balance at January 1, 2013         |    | 583,474                 | 14,450,457                              |    | 15,033,931       |  |
|  |    | ·                       | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   | _  | ·                |  |

See accountant's compilation report.

731,625 \$

16,251,662 \$

16,983,287



# Affiliated Organizations

Alvin Community College

Angelina College

**Austin Community College** 

Blinn College

**Brazosport College** 

Del Mar College

**Galveston College** 

**Houston Community College** 

Kilgore College

Lamar Institute of Technology

Lamar State College - Orange

Lamar State College - Port Arthur

Midland College

Navarro College

Northeast Texas Community College

Panola College

Paris Junior College

Ranger College

Texarkana College

Texas Southmost College

Trinity Valley Community College

Tyler Junior College

Victoria College

Southwestern Adventist University - C.S. Dept.

Sul Ross State University

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College

**Tarleton State University** 

Texas A&M International University

Texas A&M University - Central Texas

Texas A&M University - Commerce

Texas A&M University - Kingsville

Texas A&M University - San Antonio

Texas A&M University - Texarkana

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Texas Southern University

University of Houston - Clear Lake

University of Houston - Downtown

University of Houston - Victoria

University of North Texas at Dallas

University of North Texas Health Science Center

University of Texas - Permian Basin

University of Texas at Brownsville

University of Texas at Tyler

West Texas A&M University

Alamo Area Council Of Governments

Brazos Valley Affordable Housing

Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG)

Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse

Brazos Valley Small Business Development Council

Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce

**Cameron County** 

Citizen's Medical Center - Victoria

City of Austin Information Services

City of Fort Worth

**Duncanville Public Library** 

**Ector County Library** 

Fort Worth Public Library

Grimes County Clerk's Office

Guadalupe Valley Hospital

Hidalgo County Planned Parenthood

Lower Colorado River Authority

Medina Community Hospital

Mesquite Public Library

Mission Hospital

**Newton County Library** 

**Orange County** 

Parkland Memorial Hospital

**Project Unity** 

Southwest Education Development Lab

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Texas AgriLife Research

Texas Engineering Experiment Station

Texas Engineering Extension Service

Texas Forest Service

Texas Transportation Institute

Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab

**Travis County** 

**Uvalde Memorial Hospital** 

Wharton County Library

Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley

Education Service Center - Region 2

Education Service Center - Region 3

Education Service Center - Region 4

Education Service Center - Region 5

Education Service Center - Region 6

Education Service Center - Region 7

Education Service Center - Region 8

Education Service Center - Region 9

Education Service Center - Region 11

Education Service Center - Region 13

Education Service Center - Region 14

Education Service Center - Region 15

Education Service Center - Region 16

Education Service Center - Region 17

Education Service Center - Region 18

Education Service Center - Region 19

Education Service Center - Region 20

Abernathy ISD

Adrian ISD

Agua Dulce ISD









Albany ISD

Alice ISD

Alief ISD

Alpine ISD

Alto ISD

Amherst ISD

Anderson-Shiro CISD

Andrews ISD

**Angleton ISD** 

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Archer City ISD

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**Aubrey ISD** 

**Austin ISD** 

Austwell-Tivoli ISD

Avery ISD

Avinger ISD

**Azleway Charter School** 

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Balmorhea ISD

Bangs ISD

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**Brooksmith ISD** 

**Brownfield ISD** 

**Brownwood ISD** 

**Bryson ISD** 

**Buckholts ISD** 

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**Bullard ISD** 

Buna ISD

Burkburnett ISD

Burkeville ISD

**Burnet CISD** 

**Burton ISD** 

Caldwell ISD

Callisburg ISD

Canadian ISD

Canyon ISD

Carthage ISD

Castleberry ISD

Cayuga ISD

Centerville ISD

Channelview ISD

Channing ISD

Chapel Hill ISD

Chester ISD

Childress ISD

Chillicothe ISD

Chisum ISD

Christoval ISD

Cisco ISD

City View ISD

Clarendon ISD

Clarksville ISD

Claude ISD

Clint ISD

Clyde CISD Coahoma ISD

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD

Coleman ISD









Colmesneil ISD Colorado ISD

Comanche ISD

Comfort ISD

Community ISD

Como-Pickton CISD

Comstock ISD

Cooper ISD

Corpus Christi Montessori School

Corrigan-Camden ISD Cotton Center ISD Coupland ISD

Crane ISD

Crockett County Consolidated CSD

Crockett ISD Crosbyton CISD Cross Plains ISD Cross Roads ISD Crowell ISD Cuero ISD

**Culberson County ISD** 

**Cumby ISD** 

Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD

Damon ISD
Danbury ISD
Darrouzett ISD
Dawson ISD
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Dekalb ISD
Del Valle ISD
Denton ISD
Detroit ISD

Deweyville ISD Dime Box ISD Dimmitt ISD

**Doss Consolidated CSD** 

Douglass ISD

Dodd City ISD

**Dripping Springs ISD** 

Driscoll ISD
Duncanville ISD
Early ISD
Eastland ISD

Eden ISD

**Eden Park Academy** 

Edna ISD Electra ISD Era ISD

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**Etoile ISD** 

Eula ISD

Evadale ISD

**Excelsior ISD** 

Ezzell ISD

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Flatonia ISD

Florence ISD

Floresville ISD

Floydada ISD

Follett ISD

Forestburg ISD

Forsan ISD

Fort Davis ISD

Fort Elliott CISD

Fort Hancock ISD

Fort Sam Houston ISD

Fort Stockton ISD

Fort Worth ISD

Frankston ISD

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Graford ISD

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**Grandview-Hopkins ISD** 

**Granger ISD** 

Grape Creek ISD

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Groom ISD

**Groveton ISD** 

**Gruver ISD** 

Gustine ISD

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Hamlin ISD

Hamshire-Fannett ISD

Happy ISD

Harlingen CISD









Harper ISD

Harrold ISD

Hart ISD

Hartley ISD

Harts Bluff ISD

Haskell CISD

Hawley ISD

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Hemphill ISD

Hempstead ISD

Henrietta ISD

Hermleigh ISD

Higgins ISD

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**Highland Park ISD** 

Holliday ISD

Hooks ISD

**Hubbard ISD** 

**Huckabay ISD** 

Huntsville ISD

**Hutto ISD** 

Industrial ISD

Iola ISD

Iowa Park CISD

Ira ISD

Iraan-Sheffield ISD

Irion County ISD

Jacksboro ISD

Jarrell ISD

Jefferson ISD

Jim Ned CISD

John Cooper School

Johnson City ISD

Joshua ISD

Junction ISD

Karnes City ISD

Kelton ISD

Kenedy County-Wide CSD

Kenedy ISD

Kennard ISD

Kennedale ISD

Kermit ISD

Kingsville ISD

Kinkaid School

Kirbyville CISD

Klein ISD

Klondike ISD

Knox City-O'Brien CISD

Kountze ISD

Kress ISD

La Gloria ISD

La Grange ISD

Lackland ISD

Lake Travis ISD

Lake Worth ISD

Laneville ISD

Lapoynor ISD

Latexo ISD

Leary ISD

Lefors ISD

Leggett ISD

Leon ISD

Leveretts Chapel ISD

Liberty Hill ISD

Liberty-Eylau ISD

Linden-Kildare CISD

Lindsay ISD

Lingleville ISD

Lipan ISD

Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD

Littlefield ISD

Lockhart ISD

Lockney ISD

Loop ISD

Loraine ISD

Lorenzo ISD

Lovelady ISD

Lueders-Avoca ISD

Luling ISD

Lumberton ISD

Madisonville CISD

Magnolia ISD

Malakoff ISD

Malta ISD

Mansfield ISD

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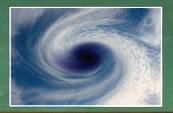
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Midway ISD Milano ISD

Miles ISD

Miller Grove ISD

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Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School

Montague ISD

Moran ISD

Morgan Mill ISD

Morton ISD

Moulton ISD

Mount Enterprise ISD

Mount Vernon ISD

Muenster ISD

Mumford ISD

Munday CISD

Murchison ISD

Natalia ISD

Navarro ISD

Navasota ISD

Nazareth ISD

Neches ISD

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New Braunfels ISD

New Caney ISD

New Deal ISD

**New Frontiers Charter School** 

New Home ISD

Newcastle ISD

Newton ISD

Nixon-Smiley CISD

Nocona ISD

Normangee ISD

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North Lamar ISD

North Zulch ISD

Northside ISD

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Overton ISD

Paint Creek ISD

Paint Rock ISD

Palacios ISD

Palo Pinto ISD

Pampa ISD

Panhandle ISD

Panther Creek ISD

Paris ISD

Pawnee ISD

Peaster ISD

Pecos-Barstow ISD

Perrin-Whitt CISD

Perryton ISD

Petersburg ISD

Petrolia ISD

Pettus ISD

Pewitt CISD

Pilot Point ISD

Pittsburg ISD

Plains ISD

Pleasant Grove ISD

Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD

Ponder ISD

Poolville ISD

Port Aransas ISD

Port Arthur ISD

Post ISD

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Prairiland ISD

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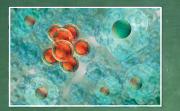
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Seashore Middle Academy

Seymour ISD

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Spring Hill ISD

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Stanton ISD

Sterling City ISD

Stockdale ISD

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Sulphur Springs ISD

Sundown ISD

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Sweeny ISD

Sweet Home ISD Sweetwater ISD

Taft ISD

Tahoka ISD

Tarkington ISD

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Tenaha ISD

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Terrell County ISD

Texhoma ISD

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Thorndale ISD

Thrall ISD

Three Rivers ISD

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Water Valley ISD

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West Hardin County CISD

West Orange-Cove CISD

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Westhoff ISD

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