

Notice Date May 12, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Aransas County, TX. Courthouse project funded partially through a FEMA 428 grant 03968.

Interested persons are hereby notified that Aransas County has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding under Section 428 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's 428 Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to replace property loss due to natural disaster measures; to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster. This notice also serves as FEMA's final notice.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to Aransas County to rebuild the Courthouse, destroyed by Hurricane Harvey.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 9. The draft EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include (1) No Action; (2) the Proposed Action described above.

The draft EA is available for review online on the Aransas County website at www.aransascountytx.gov. A hard copy of the EA will be available at the Aransas County Courthouse at 2840 Hwy 35 N., Rockport, Texas through the 30-day public comment period.

The public comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of May 12, 2021.

Aransas County will accept comments on the draft EA via USPS mail or email:

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If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The DRAFT Environmental Study may be previewed and downloaded from the following link:

<https://actx.box.com/v/dtadrafteastudy>