



2024 BLUE RIBBON MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

East Texas Council of Governments

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts, and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region.

ETCOG serves as a forum for the elected officials of our region to come together and solve common problems and assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development.

Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers.

ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services, and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

ETCOG covers 10,000 square miles and commands an annual budget in FY2024 of \$83,421,218 with 153.5 FTE.

ETCOG partners with the Kilgore College to navigate and secure various grants, one being the 2.5 million EDA grant that helped finance the Roy H. Laird Medical Center project, the East Texas Police Academy Drive Track, JAG grants and High-Demand job training grants. They also assist Kilgore College and area ISD's in pursuing JET Grants from Texas Workforce Commission.

ETCOG is a great advocate of Kilgore College and the college is truly fortunate to have such a tremendous partner.