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## LEARN 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

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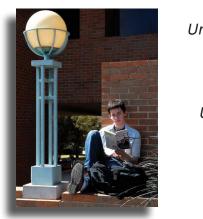
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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso

Texas Tech University System

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



## 2014 Executive Committee





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University of Texas
at El Paso







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Secretary:

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Pan American





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Treasurer & Chair, Finance

Chair, Operations & Services Committee:

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**Baylor University** 

Mike Phillips LEARN

President & CEO:





## Letter from the Chair





## Stephen Riter University of Texas at El Paso

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am pleased to present LEARN's 2014 Annual Report. During the past year, through collaborations and partnership, we have made substantial progress in a number of key areas important to our mission and service to Texas. In the Report, you will have an opportunity to learn about the important work our members are doing as a result of having access to LEARN's advanced optical fiber network, which provides Texas institutions the global connectivity needed in our interconnected world.

There are over 670 organizations in Texas connected to LEARN. These organizations represent a broad spectrum of different community anchor institutions ranging from some of the smallest independent school districts in Texas to some of the largest research institutions in the world. While the needs of this large and diverse group of organizations are very different, our consortium continues to show great leadership in their service to Texas by sharing resources and creating economies of scale that are typically only available to very large organizations in metropolitan areas. By aligning their strategies and trusting in a collaborative shared environment, our community is overcoming many of the communications challenges inherent in a large state like Texas that is both very rural and very urban.

LEARN's Board of Directors meetings are the largest meetings of information technology professionals from organizations focused on education and research in Texas. During this past year, the Board modified the structure of its meetings so as to be a catalyst to enhance the interaction and sharing of expertise and ideas between our members in areas beyond the LEARN network services they share. Additionally, we created new activities during our meetings to engage local and regional community leaders where the meeting was being held. The goal of our community outreach is to create new relationships through personal interaction that will extend the value of LEARN to an even larger community of organizations.

LEARN is a leader in the national community of advanced regional optical fiber networks. Additionally, LEARN staff and representatives of our members are serving in leadership roles in their fields bringing recognition, economic growth and prestige to Texas. This visibility and leadership has resulted in two prestigious conferences being held in Texas during 2015. In September, the Energy Sciences Network, the National Sciences Foundation and The Quilt will be meeting together in Austin. This conference will include professionals focused on energy research, the principle science and engineering funding agency in the United States, researchers from across the country working on cyber infrastructure, and leaders in advanced regional networks. Additionally, in November several thousand researchers, scientists, and information technology professionals from around the world will attend the preeminent supercomputing conference (SC15) in Austin.

Although LEARN has a rich history of success, our Board is keenly aware that the environment is constantly changing and our focus must remain on the future.



## Letter from the President





Mike Phillips LEARN

Our Annual Report provides our dynamic community with an opportunity to highlight the strategically important role that LEARN plays in Texas. Our diverse community includes universities and colleges, health science centers, hospitals, community colleges, K-12 education service centers, independent school districts, the National Weather Service, state and local agencies, libraries and other important public service organizations. In support of the education, research, healthcare and public service elements of our mission, our community leverages the network to serve as a catalyst of collaboration and innovation among this broad constituency of Texans.

LEARN has built our history of success and our service to Texas on collaboration and developing partnerships both within our membership and with the private and public sectors. During 2014, collaboration and partnerships enabled LEARN to expand the topology of the network and add several new "on ramps" to the network to provide a growing community with access to valuable network enabled services. The future of Texas depends on how well we educate and prepare Texas public school children to be tomorrow's leaders. Therefore, during the year, we were pleased to enter into an agreement to enable new services to an even broader K-12 community in Texas. Expanding our network topology to areas of unmet need and growing the community of organizations who are connected together through LEARN enabled services are essential elements to our long term strategy.

The image on our cover this year shows cancer cells. In our report, we feature the commitment and leadership of our colleagues at MD Anderson Cancer Center in their fight to eradicate cancer and end its devastating impact on society. It is essential that Texas researchers remain leaders in scientific discovery and transformational research in the very competitive and strategically important research community both nationally and internationally. Because of the expertise that is required and the cost, many of today's research projects are global in scope and require a digital ecosystem of interconnected advanced networks like LEARN. During 2014, to ensure Texas researchers have the high speed connectivity they need to maintain a leadership role in research, LEARN provisioned 100 Gigabit connections in Dallas and in Houston to Internet2, the national research and education network for the United States.

We believe our Annual Report reflects the strategic importance of LEARN to Texans. While the network is vitally important, our success and our story is really about the remarkable things that our students, faculty, researchers, healthcare professionals, and public servants are able to accomplish on the network. From humble begins, through hard work, collaboration, coupled with a commitment and focus on the future, LEARN has become an organization that has and will continue to play an important role in the economic prosperity of Texas. We appreciate your interest in our work and our community and we look forward to working with you.



## Overview & History



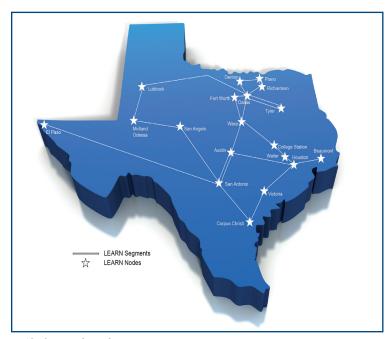
#### Who Is LEARN?

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 630 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 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



LEARN's network topology.

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 (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

#### 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.

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 President, Chair, Chair Elect, Past Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Other than the President, the officers are elected from the members of the Board of Directors.

The day-to-day business of LEARN is managed by the President of the corporation, who is elected by the Board and serves at their pleasure. The President 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,



Akbar Kara LEARN, Chief Technologist



Jesse Miller Chair, Technical Advisory Group

President and LEARN's Chief Technologist. TAG serves an important role in helping shape LEARN's infrastructure, operations and portfolio of services.







#### 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 and Caching 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:

#### MD Anderson Leads the Way in the Fight Against Cancer

If the current trend is not reversed, by 2030 the number of people who die each year from cancer is expected to rise by over 50 percent to 13 million people worldwide. MD Anderson Cancer Center (MD Anderson), the preeminent cancer center in the world, believes that with new knowledge and powerful new technologies, now is the time to reduce the current trend and even to reduce the number of deaths caused by cancer. Building on over 70 years of renowned expertise and lifesaving research and innovation, MD Anderson has launched the ambitious Moon Shots Program to achieve that goal.

Inspired by America's drive a generation ago to put a man on the moon, the Moon Shots Program aims, over a 10 year period, to make a "giant leap" for cancer patients by rapidly and dramatically reducing mortality and suffering in several major cancers. Moon Shots' primary focus is on breast, ovarian, leukemia, lung, melanoma, and prostate cancers. While these are some of the most deadly cancers, progress in transformational research and treatment in these cancers will be of benefit to patients with other types of cancer.

Using LEARN and other advanced networks, MD Anderson has collaborated with colleagues from around the world to build the largest global cancer network. In an integrated and innovative way, the network brings together the expertise of leading technology companies, pharmaceutical companies, academia, researchers and clinicians to unite together to enable more effective individualized patient treatment protocols. Using cutting edge big data analytic tools like artificial intelligence, the network draws on the collective



Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths.

global knowledge of cancer experts, in a multi-disciplinary approach, to share advances in research and treatment to help patients everywhere.

One of the biggest challenges to be overcome is that during various stages of treatment, many cancers become resistant to treatment therapy. They mutate to become resistant via biological evasion mechanisms or because, a small subset of resistant cells has become the dominant population in the cancer. Additionally, not all patients with the same type of cancer respond to treatment in the same way. Using genomic and proteomic analysis to study immune function, on a patient by patient basis, Moon Shots seeks to tailor the right treatment for the right patient at the right time. This individualized approach is more effective and it reduces the damaging side effects of unbeneficial treatment and the number of patients that develop second cancers.

Moon Shots is attacking cancer on many fronts from awareness, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, research and mobilizing many types of communities and constituencies to form a collaborative and effective environment. In only its third year, Moon Shots is already making significant advances including:







- A new protocol, to determine which patients should proceed to surgery immediately and which need chemotherapy before surgery, has increased the rate of complete tumor removal.
- Genetic screening is being used to determine if patients and their families have inherited mutations that elevate their risk of breast and ovarian cancer.
- Patients are participating in new clinical trials using new drugs that inhibit cancer mutation.
- Extending the reach of an online anti-tobacco program and developing a mentor program with a focus on teenagers.
- Accelerating the transition from chemotherapy to new targeted therapies and immunotherapy approaches.
- Initiating the first human trials using state of the art engineered immune cells to find and destroy leukemia cells.
- Leading an effort to establish a new state law banning the use of tanning beds for people under 18 to reduce the risk of melanoma caused by UV rays.

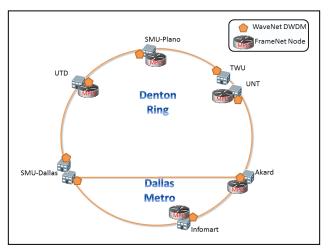


MD Anderson's Moon Shots is giving cancer patients hope.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality estimates the direct medical cost of cancer in the United States to be over \$88 billion per year. However, the real cost of cancer is the toll it takes on human lives and the devastating impact it has on our families. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be over 1.6 million new cases of cancer diagnosed in the United States in 2015. With the leadership and determination of MD Anderson and their partners, there is a renewed hope and an expectation that we can eradicate cancer.

#### Partnerships Enable New On Ramps & Services in the Metroplex

LEARN partnered with member institutions Southern Methodist University, the University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University, the University of Texas at Dallas, the private sector and Denton Independent School District to design, finance and deploy new on ramps (nodes) to the network and new services in one of the fastest growing areas of Texas. These partnerships enabled LEARN and its partners to leverage existing investment, pool resources to fund a large complex project, achieve cost savings from economies of scale and ensure that organizations in the region will have long term access to infrastructure and services that will efficiently and cost effectively scale as their requirements grow in the future.



Collaboration and partnerships are critical to LEARN's success.







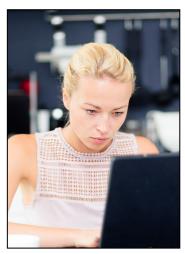
The project created a path protection network ring from Dallas to Denton, deployed five new nodes where customers can gain access to network enabled services, deployed new services in the region and retired infrastructure nearing the end of its useful life. This complex project included gaining access, for twenty years, and interconnecting fibers from two private sector providers and the Denton Independent School District. This new network path interconnects with other fiber that LEARN has to create an optical network ring that will protect critical services, if there is a fiber cut or an outage in a piece of network equipment. Additionally, the new network access nodes are located on the campuses of participating partners, which will save these partners, LEARN and other customers a significant amount of money and make LEARN services even more cost effective.

Meeting the needs of our ever growing community, both now and in the future, by enabling connectivity that is a catalyst to collaboration and innovation and providing valuable network services has always been the primary goal of LEARN. This project is another example of LEARN's philosophy of creating partnerships with the private and public sectors that leverage existing investment instead of duplicating investment to create a network of networks to achieve our primary goal.

#### Texas Tech's Worldwide eLearning Degrees

As a result of the partnership between LEARN and Texas Tech University (TTU), students in today's mobile society do not have to live in Lubbock to pursue their education goals. With over 50 degrees, certifications, and certification preparation programs available entirely online, students can prepare for a variety of careers without leaving their home community. The degrees offered online are the same high quality programs as those earned on TTU's main campus in Lubbock.

TTU's eLearning programs were recently ranked number 6 in the United States by the Affordable Colleges Foundation for their quality and affordability. The ranking includes institutions that offer a wide variety of



Distance education programs help students meet their educational goals.

online degrees that have demonstrated a history of academic excellence. To qualify for the ranking, an institution must charge less than \$500 per credit hour and maintain a six year graduation rate of more than 50 percent. TTU's eLearning programs cost \$198 per credit hour with a six year graduation rate of 59 percent.

TTU has three online computer science master's degrees that were recently ranked number 5 nationally for their affordability, job placement, the percentage of students receiving financial aid, quality of education and student graduation rates. The three computer science degree programs include Master of Science in Software Engineering, Master of Arts in Technical Communication, and Master of Science in Systems and Engineering Management. During the ranking process, higher education experts analyzed data from colleges and universities that offer high quality education at an affordable price and provide the type of student services that are needed to support graduate education in an online environment. The schools that were ranked provide flexible access to learning and academic rigor in one of the fastest growing careers paths.







TTU's rankings were a result of a strong focus in research, curriculum and teaching skills. The foundation of their curriculum and teaching skills is a result of instructional software design training and support, computer programming training and assistance for educators, and applying best practices in curriculum psychology and learning. With LEARN's support, TTU is among the leaders in the United States in providing access to high quality and affordable online degree programs.

#### Meeting the Needs of the Students in K-12 Classrooms



Texas public school children connect to curriculum from around the world.

K-12 students in Texas are becoming more engaged in rigorous content in their class-rooms through the use of multiple devices connected to the Internet. The need to support broadband connectivity for students is being met through a strategically important partnership between LEARN and the Texas Education Telecommunications Network (TETN). TETN is a consortium of 21 entities; the Texas Education Agency, and all 20 Texas Education Services Centers. The partnership with LEARN helps TETN provide an integrated statewide network for K-12 to improve student performance and to increase the efficiency of K-12 education in Texas.

Throughout the state, students and teachers are accessing the Internet from school or their own Internet connected devices for curriculum and assessments. Textbooks being adopted by districts, in some instances, have only online access and support materials, as well as, supplemental tools to enhance the curriculum. Each student can access their textbook and these resources throughout the school day and from

home via the Internet. Assessment and testing tools, available through apps, enable teachers to create quick in-class assessments, as well as, full length tests. Quick in-class assessments provide real-time data that is needed by teachers to

enhance learning for their students.

Students are engaging in video production and presentation development on apps available to them through the Internet. The use of these types of products are more appealing than the software used in the past. Presentations are created and delivered through an Internet connection.

Videoconferencing through cloud based apps creates new opportunities for students to communicate and interact from anywhere in the world. Because students have grown up with this type of access and collaboration tools, it is becoming more of an expectation for them to connect via videoconferencing to museums,



Students learn and interact by accessing the Internet.

universities and content experts to fulfill their education and research needs.

The demand for more bandwidth will continue to grow as student's expectations and needs require more content and access to the world. Thanks to the partnership between LEARN and TETN, the needs of Texas public school children will be met.







#### Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative's Data Housed in Corpus Christi

The Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) is a 10 year cooperative research project that was established in 2010 through a \$500 million commitment from BP following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. GoMRI includes 250 institutions and over 2,750 researchers who are studying the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) ecosystem and the impact that oil spills have on the Gulf. Understanding the need to share the large data sets that would be generated among the researchers and the public, GoMRI agreed to house the data at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (TAMUCC).

The management and accessibility of the data that is being generated is governed by the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Information and Data Cooperative (GRIIDC) that includes a team of researchers, data specialists and computer system developers who are supporting the development of a data management system to store scientific data generated by Gulf researchers. To date, more than 18 terabytes of research data has been generated and it is housed at TAMUCC. Gulf researchers are sharing and accessing the data and their expertise using LEARN and other advanced networks. This central data repository is a catalyst for other new research and it will be extremely valuable in shortening the discovery process when oil spills happen in the future, because the database will contain critical baseline data on the area of impact. The work is supported by a technical team that includes software engineers, data analysts, web developers, and subject matter experts from TAMUCC and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.



Project data is improving predictive models for oil spills.

The GRIIDC data management system assists researchers with multiple phases of data management and provides researchers with a variety of tools to manage data throughout the lifecycle of a project. For example, the GRIIDC Dataset Information Form (DIF) is a resource designed to assist researchers with data management planning. Researchers from diverse fields of study including biology, chemistry, physical oceanography, sociology, political science and public health are able to store their data using LEARN and other networks in the GRIIDC system. Through the GRIIDC Data Discovery portal researchers, policy makers, and the general public are able to search for and download this data. This shared data is used to address innovative scientific research ques-

tions, assess policies and programs, and in supporting educational initiatives. By providing a forum for both storing and sharing data, the GRIIDC system increases the impact of scientific research in the Gulf of Mexico and beyond for the benefit of society.

#### **UT Arlington Students Win International Challenges**

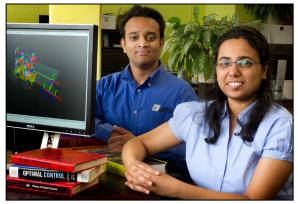
Two teams of engineering students from the University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) won first place in team challenges at the 2014 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference







on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) in Hong Kong. The IRCA, the premier academic robotics conference in the world, was attended by over 2,000 people from around the globe. Using LEARN and other advanced networks, the students remotely used a robot in Portugal to compete in the challenges. Reflecting the importance and the need for a global ecosystem of advanced networks, students from around the world competed in these competitions.



UT Arlington students demonstrate how remotely controlled robots can save lives.

Team Orion, which won the Humanitarian Robotics and Automation Technology Challenge included two master's candidate students in electrical engineering and a doctoral candidate student in electrical engineering. Initially, the team located virtual land mines in a simulation environment. Then, the students using mine detection computer code they developed, instructed the remote robot to find the mines. Team Orion accurately located more mines than any other team in the challenge. Given the conflicts that exist around the world, the use of robotics to detect land mines will save lives by keeping people out of harm's way.

The UT Arlington Microrobotics Team, which was comprised of

mostly undergraduates, competed against teams comprised mostly of professional engineers, academic researchers, and post-doctoral fellows to win the Microrobotics Challenge. The Microrobotics Team was chal-

lenged to move triangles, representing kidney stones, from one part of an extremely small sized field to another part of the field. Teams were judged on their ability to move and assemble these triangles into a precise pattern in a challengingly small environment. This demonstrates the future that microrobotics will play in solving challenging problems in medical and other environments.

These student teams reflect the leadership role that UT Arlington is playing in transformational research in robotics, particle physics, and other research fields. In 2013, the Chronicle of Higher Education ranked UT Arlington as the 7th fastest growing public research university in the United States. Additionally, the U.S. News and World Report ranks UT Arlington fifth in the nation for undergraduate diversity.



Microrobotics will play an important role in patient care

#### The Role of Technology at Baylor's McLane Stadium

Collegiate sports is strategically important to the mission of higher education institutions in Texas and throughout the United States. Game day is an essential part of the college experience for students and it provides alumni with a lifetime bond to one another and to their alma mater. The visibility of college sports on various media platforms is an important element of the overall branding strategy for universities as they look to attract students, faculty and staff to their campus.







On August 31, 2014, Baylor University (Baylor) opened McLane Stadium, one of the most technologically advanced stadiums in the country. A robust network infrastructure, which is supported as a part of a partner-ship between LEARN and Baylor, is essential in providing one of the best fan experiences in college football. McLane Stadium contains more than 400 miles of fiber pulled through 20 network closets to support over 425 cellular antennas and 340 Wi-Fi access points. During its inaugural season, fans and visitors to McLane Stadium used an average of over 2 terabytes of data per game sending photos, videos, tweets, emails, Facebook posts, and Snapchats while engaging with family and friends online. The network performed beautifully throughout the season keeping people connected and assuring access to emergency assistance, if needed, as fans enjoyed the game.

Baylor enriched the fan experience at McLane by developing a Baylor InGame app, which was downloaded by over 28,000 fans. Using the Baylor InGame app, fans can find parking before the game and access an interactive stadium map to help locate food, merchandise or restroom facilities. During the game, the Baylor In-Game app uses robust Wi-Fi connectivity at McLane to provide live and replay video clips of the game from several different camera angles, enabling users to become the producers of their own game experience. In addition to this exclusive in-game feature, the app also empowers fans to engage with one another on social media, provides content from the game to share, provides up to date game statistics and connects users with news from other sports venues. The Baylor InGame app enriched the game day experience for Baylor fans throughout the season, blending the experience of the live event with amenities people are used to when they watch live sporting events at home.

ESPN's College Game Day broadcasted from McLane Stadium at Baylor for the final game of the season. Through this exposure Baylor demonstrated that McLane Stadium was, in fact, something unique and special in collegiate athletics. This coverage highlighted the thoughtful and intentional way that network technologies were implemented in this facility to create a new level of game day experience that will certainly be mirrored by other colleges and universities in the future.



Technology in Baylor's McLane Stadium gives fans the ultimate game day experience.

In its inaugural season, McLane Stadium provided one of the premiere college game day experiences in the nation. Building on its expansive technology infrastructure powered by the LEARN network and other partners, Baylor provided its fans and visitors an immersive experience by keeping people connected and providing them a way to engage in the game as never before.

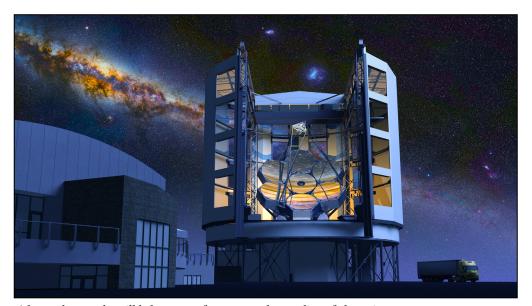






#### Revolutionizing Our View & Understanding of the Universe

The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University are a part of a distinguished international consortium of leading universities and science institutions building the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT). GMT, a giant earth based telescope, promises to revolutionize our view and understanding of the universe. Scheduled to begin operation in 2021, the GMT will use a unique design that uses seven large monolith mirrors configured in a circle to form a single 80 foot optical surface. The GMT will also have adaptive optics using hundreds of actuators controlled by advanced computers that will adjust the mirrors to compensate for atmospheric turbulence. The actuators will transform the "twinkling" of stars caused by atmospheric turbulence into a clear steady point of light.



Advanced networks will help us transform our understanding of the universe.

The GMT is being built at the Las Campanas Observatory in the Atacama Desert in Chile. In desert conditions, at approximately 8,500 feet of altitude, the GMT will be located in a region of dark clear skies that is unsurpassed by any site on earth. The GMT will have spectacular viewing conditions for over 300 days a year. These factors and the lack of vegetation and moisture in the region provide an ideal location for GMT. The innovative design of the GMT and the location of the telescope

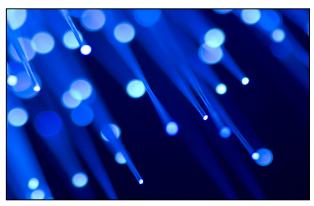
will provide scientists and researchers with more resolving power and images that are 10 times sharper than the space based Hubble telescope.

As recently as 100 years ago, scientists thought the Milky Way galaxy was the entire universe. However, in the 1920s using a 100 inch telescope, Edwin Hubble discovered there were other galaxies. That was followed by the discovery that the universe was not static, it was in fact expanding and changing over time. In much the same way as Hubble's 100 inch telescope, the GMT promises to transform our understanding of the universe and it will answer questions we cannot even imagine. For the GMT to fulfill its promise, this global scale "big data" project will rely heavily on advanced networks like LEARN to transport the massive data sets from the desert in Chile to scientists working collaboratively around the world.

We have made tremendous progress in our understanding of the universe since Galileo first pointed his telescope at the heavens 400 years ago. GMT will write the next chapter in our journey to understand the universe we live in. With our participation in the GMT project, Texas scientists will play a leadership role in unlocking the answers to profound questions that humanity has been asking for thousands of years.



## Infrastructure Performance



LEARN uses light from lasers to transport large data sets.

LEARN has deployed and operates a sophisticated state-of-theart 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.

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.

The vast majority of LEARN's network topology 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. 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 WaveNet or Layer 1 services and Layer 3 services, on our backbone, were available without disruption. Our FrameNet Layer 2 services, on our backbone, were available 99.998% 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.

During 2014, engineers deployed 100 Gigabits per second ports on backbone routers and connected LEARN to the Internet2 network at 100 Gigabits per second in Houston and Dallas. During the year, as a part of LEARN's strategy to continue to improve the availability of the network, additional monitoring and reporting tools were deployed. Engineers also deployed additional performance measurement and network management tools, as a part of our ongoing strategy. Additionally, enhancements were made to our comprehensive database that provides a centralized source for asset, network configuration, circuits and other strategically important data that is an essential component of LEARN's overall strategy to continuously improve the operational performance and efficiency of our growing network.







# Appendices



## I. LEARN Board of Directors



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## II. Financial Statements



#### LONESTAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK

Financial Statements

Year Ended

December 31, 2014







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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, 2014 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

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#### LONESTAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSTITION DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### ASSETS

Current Operating Funds

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						Total
CURRENT ASSETS	Program F	und	N	Network Fund		
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable:	\$	923,094	\$	11,273,930	\$	12,197,024
Network services		-		43,535		43,535
Earned credit card rewards		293		-		293
Funds held by others		1,900		<u> </u>		1,900
Total Current Assets		925,287		11,317,465		12,242,752
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT						
Network equipment		-		7,900,696		7,900,696
Furniture and equipment		69,422				69,422
		69,422		7,900,696		7,970,118
Less accumulated depreciation		(56,393)		(5,830,323)		(5,886,716)
Property and Equipment - net		13,029		2,070,373		2,083,402
OTHER ASSETS						
Network and IRU access rights		-		9,076,747		9,076,747
Less accumulated amortization		-		(4,128,045)		(4,128,045)
Total Other Assets		-		4,948,702		4,948,702
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	938,316	\$	18,336,540	\$	19,274,856
	LIABILI	TIES AND NET ASS	SETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Deferred revenue	\$	-	\$	210,902	\$	210,902
Accounts payable		74,518		72,891		147,409
Credit cards payable		26,654		5,228		31,882
Capital leases payable - current portion		-		38,400		38,400
Total Current Liabilities		101,172		327,421		428,593
LONG TERM LIABILITIES						
Capital leases net of current portion		-		55,767		55,767
Total Liabilities		101,172		383,188		484,360
NET ASSETS						
Unrestricted net assets Unrestricted board designated net assets		837,144		9,984,791.00		10,821,935
Life cycle replacement		-		7,876,242		7,876,242
Member balances				92,319		92,319
Total Net A		027.144		17.052.252		
Total Net Assets		837,144		17,953,352	-	18,790,496
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	938,316	\$	18,336,540	\$	19,274,856



Ending balance at December 31, 2014





#### LONESTAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Current Operating Funds		
	Unrestricted	Total	
	Program Fund	Network Fund	1001
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Network services	\$ - \$	6,652,452	\$ 6,652,452
Membership dues	780,000	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	780,000
Investment income	3,326	47,735	51,061
Other income	· -	2,773	2,773
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS:			
Fund transfers	(12)	12	
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT	783,314	6,702,972	7,486,286
EXPENSES			
PROGRAM SERVICES			
Connections and fibers	-	2,758,606	2,758,606
Network parts and supplies	-	58,780	58,780
Installation	-	70,706	70,706
Depreciation	-	703,710	703,710
Amortization	<u> </u>	585,242	585,242
Total Program Expenses	<del>-</del>	4,177,044	4,177,044
SUPPORTING SERVICES			
Professional fees			
Administration	376,134	536,186	912,320
Auditing	17,850	-	17,850
Consulting	10,250	-	10,250
Accounting	9,066	-	9,066
Legal	7,437	-	7,437
Salaries and wages	12,417	207,725	220,142
Travel	24,049	49,382	73,431
Insurance	44,756	-	44,756
Sponsored meetings	75,217	-	75,217
Membership dues	19,940	-	19,940
Office rent	23,325	-	23,325
Books, subscriptions and reference materials	1,055	14,092	15,147
Office expenses	12,016	2,413	14,429
Telephone	11,817	240	12,057
Payroll taxes	1,010	10,630	11,640
Office utilities and maintenance	6,103	-	6,103
Marketing, education and awards	8,067	-	8,067
Computer and software supplies	3,785	820	4,605
Federation support	8,347	-	8,347
Staff development	-	2,750	2,750
Depreciation	5,154	-	5,154
Total Supporting Services	677,795	824,238	1,502,033
TOTAL EXPENSES	677,795	5,001,282	5,679,077
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	105,519	1,701,690	1,807,209
NET ASSETS: Beginning balance at January 1, 2014	731,625	16,251,662	16,983,287
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## III. Affiliate 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 Texarkana College

Trinity Valley Community College

Tyler Junior College Victoria College

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 Albany ISD Alice ISD Alief ISD

Alpine ISD

Alto ISD

Amherst ISD

Anderson-Shiro CISD

Andrews ISD Angleton ISD Anson ISD Anton ISD

Apple Springs ISD Archer City ISD Aspermont ISD Atlanta ISD Aubrey ISD Austin ISD

Austwell-Tivoli ISD

Avery ISD Avinger ISD

**Azleway Charter School** 

Baird ISD
Balmorhea ISD
Bangs ISD
Banquete ISD
Bartlett ISD
Bastrop ISD
Beeville ISD

Bellevue ISD

Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco ISD

Benavides ISD
Benjamin ISD
Big Sandy ISD
Big Spring ISD
Birdville ISD
Blackwell CISD
Blanco ISD
Blanket ISD
Bloomburg ISD
Bluff Dale ISD

**Bob Hope Charter School** 

**Boling ISD** 







**Booker ISD** 

**Borden County ISD** 

Borger ISD Bovina ISD Bowie ISD

**Brazos ISD** 

Boys Ranch ISD Brackett ISD Brady ISD

**Brazos School for Inquiry & Creativity** 

Breckenridge ISD Brenham ISD Bridge City ISD Broaddus ISD Brock ISD Bronte ISD

Brookeland ISD Brooks County ISD Brooksmith ISD Brownfield ISD

Brownwood ISD Bryson ISD Buckholts ISD Buena Vista ISD Bullard ISD

Buna ISD

Burkburnett ISD Burkeville ISD Burnet CISD Burton ISD Caldwell ISD

Canadian ISD Canyon ISD Carthage ISD Castleberry ISD

Calvert ISD

Cayuga ISD Centerville ISD

Channelview ISD Channing ISD Chapel Hill ISD Cherokee 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

**Culberson County ISD** 

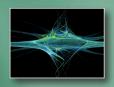
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Damon ISD

Danbury ISD

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De Leon ISD

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Del Valle ISD

**Denton ISD** 

**Detroit ISD** 

Deweyville ISD

D'Hanis ISD

Dime Box ISD

**Dimmitt ISD** 

**Doss Consolidated CSD** 

Douglass ISD

**Dripping Springs ISD** 

**Duncanville ISD** 

Early ISD

East Central ISD

East Chambers ISD

East Fort Worth Montessori Academy

Eastland ISD

**Ector County ISD** 

Eden ISD

Edna ISD

**Ehrhart School** 

Electra ISD

Era ISD

Erath Excels Academy, Inc.

**Etoile ISD** 

Eula ISD

Evadale ISD

Excelsior ISD

Ezzell ISD

Fannindel ISD

Fayetteville ISD

Flatonia ISD

Florence ISD

Floresville ISD

Floydada ISD

Follett ISD

Forestburg ISD

Forsan ISD

Fort Davis ISD

Fort Elliott CISD

Fort Sam Houston ISD

Fort Stockton ISD

Fort Worth ISD

Frankston ISD

Fredericksburg ISD

Freer ISD

Galena Park ISD

Gause ISD

George West ISD

Glasscock County ISD

Glen Rose ISD

**Godley ISD** 

Gold Burg ISD

Goliad ISD

Gonzales ISD

Goodrich ISD

Gordon ISD

Gorman ISD

Grady ISD

Graford ISD

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**Granger ISD** 

**Grape Creek ISD** 

**Grapeland ISD** 

Greenwood ISD

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Groveton ISD

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Hamlin ISD

Hamshire-Fannett ISD

Happy ISD

Hardin-Jefferson ISD

Harlingen CISD

Harper ISD

Harrold ISD

Hart ISD

Hartley ISD







Harts Bluff ISD

Haskell CISD

Hawley ISD

Hearne ISD

**Hedley ISD** 

Hemphill ISD

Hempstead ISD

Henrietta ISD

Hermleigh ISD

Higgins ISD

High Island ISD

Highland ISD

Highland Park ISD

Holliday ISD

**Hooks ISD** 

**Hubbard ISD** 

**Huckabay ISD** 

Huntsville ISD

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Industrial ISD

Iola ISD

Iowa Park CISD

Ira ISD

Iraan-Sheffield ISD

Irion County ISD

Jacksboro ISD

Jarrell ISD

Jasper ISD

Jim Ned CISD

Johnson City ISD

Joshua ISD

Junction ISD

Karnes City ISD

Kelton ISD

Kenedy ISD

Kennard ISD

Kennedale ISD

Kermit ISD

Kingsville ISD

Kinkaid School

Kirbyville CISD

Klondike ISD

Knox City-O'Brien CISD

Kountze ISD

Kress ISD

La Gloria ISD

La Grange ISD

Lackland ISD

Lake Travis ISD

Lake Havis ISL

Lake Worth ISD

Lamar 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

Lohn ISD

Loop ISD

Loraine ISD

Lorenzo ISD

Lovelady ISD

Lueders-Avoca ISD

Luling ISD

**Lumberton ISD** 

Lytle ISD

Madisonville CISD

Magnolia ISD

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Menard ISD
Merkel ISD

Meyersville ISD

Miami ISD

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Midland ISD Midway ISD Milano ISD Miles ISD

Miller Grove ISD

Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD

Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School

Montague ISD Moran ISD Morgan Mill ISD Morton ISD

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Mount Enterprise ISD

Mount Vernon ISD

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Navarro ISD

Navasota ISD

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**New Home ISD** 

Newcastle ISD

**Newton ISD** 

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Olney ISD

Onalaska ISD

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Paint Rock ISD

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Palo Pinto ISD

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Peaster ISD

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Perryton ISD







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Pittsburg ISD

Plains ISD

Pleasant Grove ISD

Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD

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Port Neches-Groves ISD

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Prairie Valley ISD

Prairiland ISD

Presidio ISD

Pringle-Morse CISD

Quanah ISD

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Ralls ISD

Ranger ISD

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Redwater ISD

Refugio ISD

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Richland Springs ISD

Rio Vista ISD

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Robert Lee ISD

**Roby CISD** 

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**Rocksprings ISD** 

Roosevelt ISD

**Ropes ISD** 

Roscoe ISD Rotan ISD

**Round Top-Carmine ISD** 

**Roxton ISD** 

Rule ISD

Runge ISD

Sabinal ISD

Sabine ISD

Sabine Pass ISD

Saint Jo ISD

Saltillo ISD

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San Diego ISD

San Felipe-Del Rio CISD

San Saba ISD

San Vincent ISD

Sands CISD

Sanford-Fritch ISD

Santa Anna ISD

Santa Gertrudis ISD

Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD

Schleicher ISD

Schulenburg ISD

Seagraves ISD

Sealy ISD

Seashore Middle Academy

Sevmour ISD

Shallowater ISD

Shamrock ISD

Shelbyville ISD

Shepherd ISD

Shiner ISD

Sidney ISD

Silsbee ISD

Silverton ISD

Simms ISD

Sivells Bend ISD

Skidmore-Tynan ISD

Slaton ISD

Slidell ISD

Slocum ISD







Smyer ISD Snyder ISD Somerville ISD Sonora ISD Spearman ISD

Spring Creek ISD Spring Hill ISD

Spurger ISD

St. Francis de Sales School St. Vincent de Paul School

Stamford ISD Stanton ISD Sterling City ISD Stockdale ISD

Strake Jesuit College Prepatory

Stratford ISD Strawn ISD

Sulphur Bluff ISD Sulphur Springs ISD

Sundown ISD Sunray ISD Sweeny ISD Sweet Home ISD Sweetwater ISD

Taft ISD Tahoka ISD Tarkington ISD

Tekoa Academy of Accelerated Studies

Tenaha ISD Terlingua ISD Terrell County ISD

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Texhoma ISD Texline ISD Thorndale ISD Thrall ISD

Three Rivers ISD Three Way ISD Throckmorton ISD

TLC Academy Tolar ISD Trent ISD Trinidad ISD Tulia ISD

Tuloso-Midway ISD

Valentine ISD
Vega ISD
Veribest ISD
Vernon ISD
Victoria ISD
Vidor ISD
Vysehrad ISD
Waelder ISD
Walcott ISD
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Walnut Bend ISD Warren ISD Water Valley ISD Wellington ISD

Wellman-Union CISD

Wells ISD

West Hardin County CISD West Orange-Cove CISD

West Oso ISD West Rusk ISD West Sabine ISD Westbrook ISD Westhoff ISD Wharton ISD Wheeler ISD White Deer ISD Whiteface CISD Whitharral ISD Wichita Falls ISD Wildorado ISD Wimberley ISD Windthorst ISD Winfield ISD Wink-Loving ISD Winters ISD Woden ISD

Woodson ISD







Woodville ISD

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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

University of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio

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 Substance

Abuse

Brazos Valley Small Business Development Council

Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce

Citizen's Medical Center - Victoria

City of Austin Information Services

**Duncanville Public Library** 

**Ector County Library** 

Fort Worth Public Library

Grimes County Clerk's Office

**Guadalupe Valley Hospital** 

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

