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### **Briefing Draws High Level of Interest from Potential Design/Build Firms for Texarkana Convention Center and Hilton Garden Inn**

For immediate release:

City of Texarkana, Texas officials and D Hospitality, LLC held a briefing on June 16, 2010 for interested design/build firms for the Texarkana Convention Center and Hilton Garden Inn project. Fourteen firms from throughout the region received the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) packet and had an opportunity to have their questions regarding the selection process answered and tour the site on Cowhorn Creek Road.

Mike Daugherty of D Hospitality commented, "We're excited to be taking this next step and encouraged by the high level of interest in our project. We'll work with the City to select the firm that we believe will deliver a premier quality product in the most cost-effective manner."

The completed SOQ packets are due back to General Services Director Jim Powell by 2:00 p.m. on June 30, 2010. "We expect the selection process to take approximately 45 days," added Jack Daugherty. "Choosing the right firm to design and build the convention center and hotel is a crucial step in the process."

Once the design/build firm is selected and contracts are executed, the design phase will begin. The SOQ states that the target opening date of the Texarkana Convention Center and Hilton Garden Inn is December, 2011.