



**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES  
\$235,000 GRANT TO THE TOWN OF IOLA TO FINANCE  
PLANNING COSTS**

AUSTIN – (August 18, 2011) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a \$235,000 grant from the Economically Distressed Areas Program to the Town of Iola (Grimes County) to finance planning costs to provide first-time wastewater services.

With these funds, the Town of Iola (Town) will complete the planning phase of a project that will provide first-time wastewater service to residences within the incorporated limits of the Town. In this phase, the Town will prepare a facility engineering plan (FEP), perform aerial and topographic surveys, and obtain environmental approval. Development of an FEP will identify and evaluate alternatives for wastewater system collection and treatment to determine the most feasible solutions. Residences are currently served by individual, failing, on-site sewage facilities.

The Town, incorporated in November 2007, is located approximately 14 miles northeast of College Station. The Town's estimated population is 401.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.