



**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES A
\$3,150,000 LOAN TO THE CITY OF WILLIS TO FINANCE
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

AUSTIN – (February 2, 2012) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a \$3,150,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the City of Willis (Montgomery County) to finance water system improvements.

The City of Willis (City) gets its water from the Gulf Coast Aquifer, which is regulated by the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD). The LSGCD is requiring the City to reduce its use of the aquifer, so the City must find another water source. Additionally, the City's water distribution system is affected by low system pressures and outages.

With these funds, the City will drill two wells into the Catahoula Aquifer in order to reduce reliance on the Gulf Coast Aquifer. The City will also make improvements at two existing water treatment plants to address low system pressures and outages.

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.