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Dear      :

We have been advised that       has made an offer to purchase the above designated parcel of land from you for highway right of way. The Texas Department of Transportation assists persons displaced by the purchase of land for transportation purposes through our Relocation Assistance Program. The payments and services to which you may be entitled are outlined in the enclosed brochure which is entitled *“Relocation Assistance.”* These benefits are over and above the payment you will receive for your land and/or improvements. We believe that you will find that this brochure is very helpful.

Please take careful note of each and all of the following statements:

1. You will not be required to move from the property being acquired for at least 90 days from the date of this letter. At some later date you will be given a written notice and a date by which you must vacate the property. You will have at least 30 days after receipt of the written notice before you must move.
2. If you accept $      in negotiation for your property, you may be entitled to a replacement housing supplement of $     . This supplement has been based on the asking price of the residential dwelling(s) located at      . You do not have to purchase that particular dwelling to qualify for your replacement housing supplement; however, to claim this supplement you must purchase and occupy a replacement home costing $      or more within one year as explained in our brochure. If you receive an amount other than the $      mentioned above for your property through negotiations or condemnation, your housing supplement may have to be changed. If you elect to purchase a replacement home costing less than $     , it may be necessary to reduce the amount of the supplement. To avoid loss of benefits, you are encouraged to contact this Department before making a binding commitment to purchase a replacement home.
3. Since you have advised that you wish to rent rather than purchase a replacement dwelling, you may be entitled to a replacement housing supplement of $      to rent a home costing $ per month or more without the cost of furnishings or utilities being included in the rent. This supplement has been based on the cost to rent a      -room,      -bedroom replacement home located at       . You do not have to rent that particular dwelling to qualify for your rent supplement; however, to claim the supplement you must rent and occupy a replacement dwelling costing $      per month or more without the cost of furnishings or utilities being included in the rent as explained in our brochure. If your replacement dwelling rents for less than $ per month or if the rent includes the cost of furnishings or utilities, it may be necessary to reduce the amount of the supplement. To avoid any loss of this supplement, you should consult with this Department before making any kind of commitment to rent the unit.
4. If you wish to examine the possible replacement dwelling(s) previously mentioned, this agency will provide transportation to assist you to do so. If you wish to examine other possible replacement homes of like price and functional qualities, our relocation assistance personnel will be available to assist with each such visit you would like to make during any reasonable duty hour.       such dwellings are presently available for purchase at       and       in your community.
5. If you elect to buy a replacement home and the mortgage interest rate exceeds the one you are paying on the home you now occupy, you will be entitled to an interest differential payment based on the lesser of the existing and new mortgage balances and the shorter of the two mortgage terms. You may also be eligible to receive reimbursement for actual incidental costs in closing, but not to include prepaid expenses for financing the replacement dwelling.
6. Furthermore, you may be entitled to moving costs as explained in the brochure. These costs, however, are limited to personal property and will not include any costs for moving real property.
7. For you to be eligible for a supplemental housing payment, your replacement home must conform to State requirements for decent, safe and sanitary housing. To insure that your replacement home meets the required standards, we suggest that you have it inspected by this Department before entering into a contract for its purchase or rental. If this is not possible, we suggest that a provision be included in the earnest money contract for the replacement property that the contract is valid only if the property will pass a decent, safe and sanitary inspection by this Department.
8. Any person or entity who is not lawfully present in the United States is ineligible for relocation advisory services and relocation payments, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child.
9. Finally, if you are dissatisfied with a determination as to your eligibility for a payment or the amount of any relocation payment, you may request a review of your case by the Texas Department of Transportation’s Relocation Assistance Review Committee as explained in our brochure.

The provisions of this paragraph are separate from the others because they are not part of the relocation assistance benefits. After the date of payment of the purchase price or the date of deposit in court of funds to satisfy the award of compensation as determined through eminent domain proceedings to acquire real property, you will be reimbursed for any fair and reasonable expenses necessarily incurred in transferring title to the property for use by the Texas Department of Transportation. Expenses eligible for reimbursement may include (1) recording fees, transfer taxes, and similar expenses incidental to conveying the real property to the Department and (2) penalty costs for prepayment of any preexisting recorded mortgage entered into in good faith encumbering the real property. Voluntary unnecessary expenses or expenses incurred in clearing questionable title will not be eligible for reimbursement. Eligible incidental expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of a claim supported by receipted bills or other evidence of actual expenses incurred. You may file a written request for review if you believe that this Department failed to properly determine the eligibility for or the amount of incidental expenses to be reimbursed. There is no standard form on which to request review of a claim; however, the claim must be filed with this office within six months after you are notified of the Department’s determination on any claim for reimbursement.

We request that you thoroughly read and examine our brochure for additional information and the requirements for payment eligibility. Assistance in preparing the necessary forms and with the filing of your claims for any benefits to which you may be entitled, as well as any additional information desired concerning our relocation assistance program, will be made available to you from this office. If any such help is desired, please contact       at       in       or visit the Texas Department of Transportation office at      . In the event you are unable to contact our office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., you may call       at       in       between      . Our contact person will cooperate with you in setting up an appointment at a time and place convenient for you.

Sincerely,

      District, Texas Department of Transportation

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