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**BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY TO BEGIN LAKE GRANBURY CLEANUP**

*October 3, 2007 -- Waco, Texas* -- The Brazos River Authority (BRA) announced today the awarding of a contract to begin debris cleanup at Lake Granbury. Litchfield and Sons of Tolar, Texas was awarded the closed-bid contract to remove debris. The cleanup was necessary following historic flooding of the Brazos River earlier this year.

"We're pleased to have the process in place to begin cleanup of portions of the lake," said Kent Rindy, Upper Basin Regional Manager for the BRA. "Based upon available funds, we've identified specific areas that we believe have the greatest need for debris removal out of concern for the public health, safety and welfare as it relates to those particular areas."

According to Rindy, lake cleanup is unusual for the river authority. "The Brazos River Authority normally does not have a need to provide debris cleanup on our lakes since the general flow of the water will normally move debris downstream. As a result we had no budgeted funds available for such a project. However, the historic rain events and flooding late this spring and early summer washed an unusually large amount of both vegetative and man-made debris into the lake that is too large to pass downstream."

Included in the cleanup will be vegetative debris such as logs and branches. Non-organic debris, such as refrigerators, tires, dock pieces, Styrofoam and portions of sunken boats will also be included as part of the project. The debris will be removed by barge and transported to one of four designated areas to be collected for disposal.

The project is expected to be completed within eight weeks. Work will begin on the north end of the lake and move southward toward the dam. The areas to be included are: a

- Montego Bay,
- DeCordova Bend Estates,
- the City of Granbury (3 cove locations),
- the water pump intake at Oak Trail Shores
- Sky Harbor

- Western Hills Harbor,
- BRA park areas
- the SWATS Water intake,
- the free floating dock at the TXU Power Plant Point,
- Holiday Estates, and
- Jackson Bend.

Additional cleanup will take place on the northern area of the lake.

Litchfield and Sons, a boat dock construction and dredging business has been in business since 1999. The company has completed prior cleanup projects on the lake.

### ***About the Brazos River Authority***

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight Federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, and the cities of Hutto, Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), the City of Taylor and the City of Dime Box. A potable water treatment plant located in Leander is owned jointly by the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Brazos River Authority. The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.