Texarkana College is pleased to publish this service plan for the territory proposed for annexation. Expansion of the Texarkana College District to include the balance of Bowie County would result in the following property tax rate, services, and programs for Bowie County residents.

**TAX RATE**
- The most recent maintenance and operation property tax rate adopted by the board is $0.105339 per $100 assessed property valuation. The maximum maintenance and operation property tax rate that the board is allowed to adopt is $0.50 per $100 assessed property valuation.
- The college district currently has $0.00 tax rate per valuation for Debt Service from voter-approved bond referendum elections. The maximum debt service tax rate that the board is allowed to offer for voter approved bond referendum elections is $0.50.
- The college district has demonstrated a very low and stable tax rate over the past decade. (See chart.) It is anticipated that the administration will recommend to the TC board an increase of less than one cent in the maintenance and operation property tax rate for the August 2012 implementation cycle. The TC board is not currently proposing or anticipating an increase in the maintenance and operation property tax rate after the annexation that would be inconsistent with the historical trend.
- To offset the impact of the tax on seniors, Texarkana College provides for seniors (over 65) and surviving spouses to receive a $5,000 exemption on valuation of property.

**TUITION SAVINGS**
- All Bowie County residents would receive in-district tuition and fees, saving $40 per semester credit hour (SCH). Currently, the out-of-district tuition and mandatory fees applied to Bowie County residents is $113 per SCH. With passage of the tax annexation, all Bowie County residents would benefit from the significantly lower in-district tuition and mandatory fees of only $73 per SCH. For example, TC students from Bowie County currently pay $374 in tuition and mandatory fees for a 3 semester credit hour course while in-district students pay $254 for the same course – a savings of $120 for every 3 SCH course. For a full-time student taking 12 SCH, this results in a total savings of $480 per semester. Beginning January 2013, in-district high school dual credit students will also pay less than out-of-district high school dual-credit students for courses.

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES**
- Comprehensive and rigorous academic and workforce education programs for university transfer or career programs earning more than 70 associate's degrees or certificates – some of which can be completed for entry-level jobs in one year or less. TC is an accredited member of
the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is part of a select membership of community colleges in Achieving the Dream – a national initiative committed to student success and completion of college programs.

- Seamless transitions in university transfer articulation agreements providing low-cost options to achieve a bachelor’s degree or higher, capitalizing on the affordable community college tuition structure for the first two years.
- Scheduling options including day, evening, weekend, online, distance education, and concentrated Fast-Track or mini-mesters.
- Low cost dual credit programs with public school districts for qualifying high school juniors and seniors allowing completion of college credits while still in high school.
- Full student support services, including academic advising, admissions and records, degree and career advising, tutorial services, financial aid, veterans services, library services and student life, including a full-service health and recreation center. TC provides specific outreach for veterans through the College Credit for Heroes program.
- Customized training to assist businesses and organizations in their employee training. TC partners with the Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas, Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, and Small Business Development Center to bring enhanced opportunities for economic growth and development to the region.

- Continuing education and lifelong learning experiences for personal and professional development for all ages.

**EXTRA & CONTINUING ADVANTAGES**

- Assured access to quality, affordable, and accessible education through Texarkana College – an institution that has served the region unconditionally since 1927 with a legacy of excellence in building generations of college graduates and a highly trained workforce.
- Assured continuation of a highly qualified workforce, such as nurses, EMT/paramedics, health care providers, automotive technicians, HVAC technicians, welding technicians, industrial and electrical technicians, diesel technicians, and computer technicians.
- Additional services and programs TC is poised to provide in critically needed fields for economic stability and growth, such as health care, emergency services, manufacturing, logistics, multi-craft, bio-tech, and environmental engineering.
- Eligibility to vote in elections of the Texarkana College governing Board of Trustees and have representation for designated place positions across Bowie County.
- Guaranteed match of up to $1 million per year for four years as part of the H. Ross Perot Community Challenge donation to Texarkana College. For more information about the Perot Community Challenge, go online to www.texarkanacollege.edu/tomorrow

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**Public Hearing Notice:**

Bowie County residents may learn more about and provide input to the proposed Texarkana College service plan at a public hearing posted by the TC Board of Trustees. The date and location will be announced within 30 days. Questions about the TC Bowie County Service Plan may be directed to TC’s Public Relations Office at 903-823-3095 or emailed to gotocollege@texarkanacollege.edu

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Texarkana College service area is approximately 1,796 square miles while the current tax district is only about 16.3 square miles. Since the TC tax district was established in 1954, less than 1% of Texarkana College's service area has actually supported the facility tax base. Since 1927, Texarkana College has provided high quality educational opportunities and workforce development for this community at lower rates than the majority of Texas community colleges.