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**AUTHORITY POSTS REQUEST FOR BIDS
FOR LEASED POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE PROPERTY**

January 8, 2009 -- Waco, TX -- The Brazos River Authority today posted a request for bids (RFB) for a potential third party sale of leased property at Possum Kingdom Lake. The potential sale will allow the BRA to exit the land management business and, more importantly, allow leaseholders the ability to purchase their leased lots.

“We are pleased to present an RFB package that provides protections for our lessees and the potential for a positive outcome for the future water needs of the Brazos basin and our System customers,” said Matt Phillips, government and customer relations manager.

The RFB consists of the sale of approximately 900 acres of residential leased property outside the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) buffer zone or nearly 1200 acres of property should FERC approve the sale of the buffer zone. Also included are 50 acres of commercial leased properties, 49 miles of roadways and numerous small strips of land unnecessary for future lake operations. The sale will not include undeveloped BRA property.

The RFB includes requirements of the potential purchaser including the cost for road maintenance, survey and platting requirements and closing costs. It also includes protections for lessees outlining the options for purchase and the time frame that a purchase may be made. Those lessees not interested or able to purchase their leased property will have the option of remaining on their current lease or a executing new 99 year lease.

The deadline for submission of bids is April 8, 2009. Bids will be presented to the BRA Board at a meeting scheduled after the submission deadline. To access the Request for Bids, please visit the BRA website at www.brazos.org/rfb.asp

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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 the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land. Through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Brazos River Authority operates wastewater treatment plants at Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, the city of Hutto and the city of Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), and the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates a potable water treatment plant for the City of Dime Box. A water treatment plant for the City of Leander is operated by the Brazos River Authority through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 157 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

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