Chuck Wemple
Chief Executive Officer
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Chuck Wemple is the Chief Operating Officer for the Houston-Galveston Area Council where he oversees all programs and services including transportation planning, community and environmental planning, public safety, and workforce development. He has extensive experience in addressing infrastructure, housing and economic recovery needs following Hurricanes Rita and Ike – including the allocation and programming of over $2 billion in HUD recovery funds; developing FEMA regional hazard mitigation plans; implementing small business financing programs; and, evaluating economic development strategies to increase resiliency. Chuck has served on several State-level disaster recovery policy committees designed to improve the speed and efficiency of disaster recovery. The Houston-Galveston area Council covers over 12,000 square miles along the upper Texas coast, includes 13 counties and over 100 cities and towns, with 6.6 million people and has an annual operating budget of approximately $248 million.

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