



January 14, 2013

The Honorable John Carona
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068
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Dear Chairman Carona:

Enclosed please find the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners' quarterly report.

I look forward to working with you, your committee, and your staff in the coming months, and I'm always available to talk about our agency and matters important to you and the Committee.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy L. Hendricks".

Cathy L. Hendricks, RID/ASID/IIDA
Executive Director

Enclosures

To: Texas Senate Committee on Business and Commerce

From: Cathy L. Hendricks, RID
Executive Director, Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

Subject: Quarterly agency update

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Since the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners' (TBAE) last update, a few items of interest are worth reporting to the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce. As always, TBAE staff is ready to work with Committee staff to answer questions or provide any information necessary.

Sunset update

In October and November, the Sunset Advisory Commission of Texas held public hearings on this agency and the Self-Directed, Semi-Independent project under which this agency operates. During its December meeting, the Commission issued its Decisions, which soon will become legislation for consideration by the House and Senate. As always, we look forward to working with the Legislature to answer any questions and provide assistance.

Business Registration is now electronic

In December of 2012, TBAE launched its new all-electronic Business Registration program. While Business Registration has existed for years, until December it had been a paper-and-stamp process. Now the program's records are placed in a sophisticated database much like that of the agency's individual professional registrants and candidates for licensure.

Outreach efforts

TBAE's outreach program continued its strong performance, despite the hectic holiday scheduling, with five presentations to agency stakeholders: four to registrants and one to students. Now that the holidays are past, the agency is once again stepping up its outreach schedule with trips to Baylor and Texas Tech in coming weeks, as well as presentations to professional groups.