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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' report for your July 10, 2012 meeting of the Texas Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

Date: July 2, 2012

Part 2 of HB 2284 implementation begins

Below you will find a chart providing a summary of the 78 total engineer applications for the Excepted Engineers List and the results of the review procedure. Processing applications and determining qualifications for that list took a lot of time and effort by the HB 2284 Review Committee members, the Board as a whole, and TBAE staff, but we are pleased to have completed the work smoothly and efficiently, in close cooperation with our colleagues at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Currently we have begun work on the second phase of implementation of the bill, which is to create a Task Force of practitioners of both architecture and engineering to iron out the small number of remaining “overlap” items among the two professions. I’m pleased to report that the Task Force convened in June for its first meeting in San Antonio, and that all parties agree that this was perhaps the most constructive inter-profession meeting to date.

The Task Force plans to meet again in July to complete several matters and gain further clarity.

Implementation of the provisions of HB 2284, which brought an end to a longstanding dispute among some members of the professions of architecture and engineering, is proceeding smoothly. Working closely with our colleagues at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE), the "excepted engineer" application and evaluation process has proven to be trouble-free. Below is a summary of the implementation steps to date:

June, 2011	With TBPE, developed and released joint statement on the bill
July	With TBPE, developed and released FAQ
August	Released instructions, application, checklist, process flowchart
September	Updated FAQ, flowchart; application window opened; joint outreach presentation with TBPE staff; staff begins evaluating applications
October	Outreach presentation to registrants; 1 st application review committee meeting; Excepted Engineer List posted; applications received and evaluated by staff
November	Applications received and evaluated by staff
December	Applications received and evaluated by staff
Jan., 2012	Application window closes; applications evaluated by staff
February	2 nd application review committee meeting; Excepted Engineer List updated; applications evaluated by staff
March	Applications evaluated by staff
April	3 rd application review committee meeting; Excepted Engineer list updated
May	Board hears 2 applicants during meeting
June	First HB 2284 Task Force meeting in San Antonio

At the time of this writing, 21 engineers have been added to the Excepted Engineer List. Below please find a breakdown of the 78 total applications and their ultimate disposition.

78 applications received. What's their status?

(as of July 2, 2012)

