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## **Texas Board of Professional Engineers Recognized for Quality Program**

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) has been recognized by the Quality Texas Foundation for its commitment to quality in all aspects of its operations. This is the third recognition for performance excellence in four years, and TBPE is the only state regulatory agency to be recognized during the 2014 review cycle.

"We are proud to be recognized for our agency's high quality performance by the Quality Texas program. At the same time, we are humbled and encouraged by this recognition to continue our commitment to performance excellence and quality improvement", said Daniel Wong, Ph.D., P.E., Chairman of the TBPE Board.

The Quality Texas Foundation encourages the use of the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and helps businesses, hospitals, schools, government agencies, and non-profits improve performance through education, training, and assessment.

The continued progress and improvement of quality systems in all aspects of agency operations, including the workforce, processes, procedures, communications, metrics, and leadership has been a focus of the agency as a whole. "Recognition such as this is a strong validation of the ongoing efficiency, effectiveness, and quality improvement efforts" said Lance Kinney, P.E., Executive Director. He added, "This is just another milestone on the journey and we are dedicated to continue to improve and be a model state agency."

In 2010, TBPE commenced its Journey Toward Excellence, an initiative inspired by the Baldrige performance criteria, which orients agency activities and personnel towards process improvements and managing for results. TBPE's goal is to become the most efficient, most effective, and best place to work of all state agencies.

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers is a state regulatory agency whose mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Texas by regulating the practice of engineering and licensure of professional engineers.

Additional information about the Quality Texas program and the TBPE recognition can be found at http://www.texas-quality.org.

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