

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS) protects the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Texas by licensing competent and qualified professional engineers and surveyors and by enforcing technical and ethical standards for all licensed Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

With thousands of licensed Professional Engineers, Registered Professional Land Surveyors, Licensed State Land Surveyors and registered engineering and surveying firms, TBPELS helps ensure that engineering and surveying projects in Texas are designed and built safely by competent and qualified professionals.

TBPELS outreach programs educate the public, engineering and surveying students, cities, counties, governmental agencies about engineering licensure and surveying registration requirements. Existing licensees and registration holders are provided presentations on ethics, and proper professional practice.

As an award winning state agency, TBPELS leads the way in good government practices, employing highly skilled staff and developing high quality, innovative technologies and processes to meet its mission efficiently and effectively.

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is committed to protecting the public of the great state of Texas now and into the future.



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About the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS)

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors protects the health and welfare of the citizens of Texas through our core agency functions: implementing rigorous qualifications for licensure of Professional Engineers and Registered Professional Land Surveyors, and effective enforcement of engineering and land surveying laws and rules.

As a state regulatory agency, TBPELS is overseen by nine board members appointed by the Governor. Five are licensed professional engineers from various engineering fields, one is a registered professional land surveyor and three are public members. In addition, the Commissioner of the General Land Office appoints an additional ex-officio board member. TBPELS is a Self-Directed Semi-Independent (SDSI) agency, meaning it is completely self-funded through licensing fees and take no appropriations from the legislature. All day-to-day operations are handled by a small group of highly trained staff at the Board office in Austin.

Licensing and Registration

With over 70,000 licensed Professional Engineers, approximately 3,000 Registered Professional Land Surveyors, Licensed State Land Surveyors, and thousands of registered engineering and surveying firms, TBPELS helps ensure that engineering and surveying projects in Texas are designed and built safely by competent and qualified professionals.

Compliance & Enforcement

TBPELS has a very effective Compliance & Enforcement program that receives and investigates hundreds of complaints each year covering technical, professional practice, and ethical issues. The legislature has given TBPELS the necessary tools to enforce the law, ranging from reprimands, license probation, suspension, and revocation, to administrative penalties of up to \$5,000 per day per occurrence. Members of the public can file complaints

quickly and easily following guidance on the agency website or by contacting us via telephone or email.

Outreach and Education

TBPELS is the go-to resource for all things related to professional engineering and land surveying in Texas. We take pride in providing timely and relevant information to all stakeholder groups and consumers of professional engineering and land surveying services, including members of the public, cities, counties, schools and school districts, state and local agencies, and the private sector such as hospitals and large and small businesses.

A key part of our outreach and education program is open communication with the public, students, professional engineers and land surveyors, and engineering and surveying stakeholders on professional ethics and licensure. Each year, TBPELS makes over 150 many face-to face and webinar presentations each year to more than 25,000 individuals.

Continuous Improvement and Innovation

TBPELS is committed to being an excellent state agency through continuous innovation and improvement. Agency leadership and staff strive to incorporate new ideas and process improvements with a customer and workforce focus. Results are measured into a single effective strategic planning system. TBPELS has been recognized three times by the Quality Texas Foundation.

National and International Reach

TBPELS is known as an effective agency within the state of Texas and is recognized around the nation and internationally for our leadership and innovative programs revolving around the engineering and surveying professions. TBPELS is very active at the national level through the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and has international engineering licensing agreements with many countries.