

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 over 69,000 licensed Professional Engineers, more than 11,000 Registered Engineering Firms, over 2,800 Registered Professional Land Surveyors, 60 Licensed State Land Surveyors and over 1,400 Registered 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 students, cities, counties, and governmental agencies about engineering requirements, engineering ethics, and proper engineering 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 effective enforcement of engineering laws and rules.

As a state regulatory agency, TBPELS is overseen by nine board members appointed by the Governor. Six are licensed professional engineers from various engineering fields and areas of the state and three are public members. We are a Self-Directed Semi-Independent (SDSI) agency, meaning we are 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

TBPELS regulates over 65,000 licensed professional engineers in all areas of practice – from civil, electrical, environmental, mechanical, and structural to computer, nuclear, petroleum engineering and many more. There are approximately 10,000 registered engineering firms in Texas offering a wide range of services to the public and private sectors. TBPELS has more than 20,000 certified Engineers in Training (EITs) – future engineers who are on their way to becoming licensed.

### Compliance & Enforcement

TBPELS has a very effective Compliance & Enforcement program that receives and investigates over 600 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, to license suspension and revocation, and fines of up to \$5,000 per day per occurrence. Members of the public can file complaints quickly and easily through the agency website or contact us via telephone or email.

### Outreach and Education

TBPELS is the go-to resource for all things related to professional engineering. We take pride in providing timely and relevant information to all stakeholder groups and consumers of professional engineering 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 engineering stakeholders on engineering ethics and licensure. Over the past few years, TBPELS has made over 150 face-to-face and webinar presentations each year to more than 20,000 individuals.

### Continuous Improvement and Innovation

TBPELS is committed to being an excellent state agency through continuous innovation and improvement. Our Journey Toward Excellence program, based on the national Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, allows agency leadership and staff to incorporate new ideas, process improvements, customer and workforce focus, and results measurement into a single effective strategic planning system. Since 2011 TBPELS has been recognized three times by the Quality Texas Foundation and is the only state agency to have achieved this level of performance.

### 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. TBPELS is very active at the national level through the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and is the only state in the nation with multiple international licensing agreements, including Canada, Mexico, Australia, Japan, and South Korea.

