

The Governor

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Executive Order

WPC 87-12

Establishing the Governor's Task Force on Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting.

WHEREAS, the current fiscal situation of State government poses new challenges for public administrators to utilize the resources of the State wisely and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas does not have a uniform statewide accounting system enabling State agencies and educational institutions to utilize standardized processes and procedures; and

WHEREAS, management or performance auditing is widely utilized in the private and public sectors to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive and Legislative leaders do not have routine access to standardized financial data necessary to make informed decisions regarding State agencies and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, many State financial functions, including, but not limited to, accounting practices, auditing practices, financial reporting practices, payroll practices and purchasing practices include redundant procedures which could be streamlined, improved or modernized, thereby reducing the costs and time required in each process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING hereinafter referred to as the TASK FORCE.

The TASK FORCE will consist of not more than 30 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The TASK FORCE shall be comprised of a broad representation from industry, education and other interested organizations and of other interested citizens.

The Governor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Governor.

The TASK FORCE is charged with the responsibilities of performing an in-depth study and review of State accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices; investigating promising innovations and improvements in the aforementioned areas; developing specific, detailed and implementable recommendations which the State should address in order to enhance accountability, efficiency and planning capabilities; making any other recommendations which the TASK FORCE deems appropriate; and performing other duties as requested by the Governor.

On or before January 1, 1988, the TASK FORCE shall make a written report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor.

The TASK FORCE shall meet at the call of the Chairman. The Chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor, establish the agenda.

The members of the TASK FORCE shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

All agencies of state and local government are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the TASK FORCE in the performance of its duties.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 15th day of June, 1987.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on July 10, 1987.

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

Proclamation 41-2189

Pursuant to Article III, Section 40 and Article IV, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby submit the following matters for consideration by the Seventieth Texas Legislature in its Second Called Session:

(1) legislation relating to state support for a consortium of semiconductor companies engaged in semiconductor research;