

Executive Orders

AWR 92-1

PROVIDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF A TEXAS BUSINESS PLAN BY THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS the State of Texas is currently recovering from several years of economic difficulties which have posed severe challenges to the people, businesses, and government of the State; and

WHEREAS the State, in response to these difficult years, has begun efforts to adopt a statewide strategic plan that will bring an end to crisis management as a way of life for government; and

WHEREAS the State has formalized its intention to adopt a statewide strategic plan through the passage into law of H.B. 2009, 72nd Legislature, Regular Session; and

WHEREAS there is a need to coordinate the planning efforts of the public and private sectors to insure that the statewide strategic plan is not only a guide for government, but also a guide for the actions of the private sector as well; and

WHEREAS this planning process needs to encompass a broad range of issues likely to face Texas in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS this process should involve extensive policy analysis; and

WHEREAS the Comptroller of Public Accounts has extensive resources and demonstrated ability in policy analysis that could be employed in this effort; and

WHEREAS this process should include efforts to involve and obtain the opinions of citizens in all areas of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts initiate a program to develop a business plan to be incorporated into the statewide strategic plan. The Comptroller should coordinate all efforts with the Governor's office and the Legislative Budget Board in their efforts to draft the statewide strategic plan. The business plan should be presented to the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning and the Legislative Budget Board prior to the convening of the 73rd Legislature in January 1993.

The Comptroller may hold hearings at such times and places he deems necessary in order to obtain public input into the business plan.

Given under my hand this 25th day of February, 1992.

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Ann W. Richards
Governor of Texas

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IN SUPPORT OF THE OMNIBUS RECYCLING BILL, SB 1340, 72ND LEGISLATURE AND PERTAINING TO THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES; THE REDUCTION OF ENERGY AND WATER CONSUMPTION AND WASTE GENERATION; AND THE PROMOTION OF RECYCLING WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the State of Texas faces ever increasing environmental problems such as excess generation of waste; the excessive consumption of energy and water, and use of natural resources; and continued degradation of the State's water and air resources; and

WHEREAS, increasing pressure upon Texas' solid waste disposal capacity requires the cooperation of all Texans to reduce our dependence on landfills and other disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the environmental problems could be alleviated by implementing programs that conserve our natural resources, encouraging energy and water efficiency for facilities and equipment, and promoting the reduction and recycling of water, materials, and energy; and

WHEREAS, state government must set an example for all Texans by implementing programs that promote the conservation of natural resources, and the recycling and reuse of resources; and

WHEREAS, the market for recycled and recyclable materials must be developed, and State agencies are a major purchaser of products;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby direct all state agencies to undertake all practicable efforts to maximize opportunities to reduce the amount of solid waste generated and water and energy consumed, to recycle materials generated by State agencies, to encourage the procurement of recycled products, and to encourage the procurement of energy and water efficient products. Agencies should cooperate with each other to implement these activities and are authorized to enter into Interagency Agreements as appropriate to further the purposes of this order.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this order is to support and expand upon state agency recycling efforts required in SB 1340, 72nd Legislature. The order is intended to strengthen the State's commitment to reducing the generation of waste, encourage the implementation of waste reducing programs, maximize the purchasing of recycled products, and reduce the amount of energy and water consumed.

I. Waste Audits

In order to reduce waste generation at the source and to encourage recycling, a Texas state agency should perform audits of all facilities and operations. Where applicable, these audits should include but not be limited to:

- A. identification of all waste generated;