State Preservation Board Energy Conservation Quarterly Update - July 2008

The State Preservation Board (SPB) is responsible for the operation and building management of the Capitol, Capitol Extension, Capitol Visitors Center, the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage, and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Effective September 1, 2007, SPB assumed the facilities management of the Governor's Mansion, a National Historic Landmark.

Building uses include office and meeting spaces, display space for historic artifacts, visitor and tourist programs, dining facilities, retail space, auditoriums, classrooms, theaters, parking facilities, and an historic home built in the 1850s. Each of these buildings provide opportunities for the agency to conserve energy. The agency will continue to identify attainable energy savings and will work with the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) and the executive and legislative agencies we serve to reduce energy consumption wherever possible.

In addition to our ongoing conservation efforts, this quarter 10 light fixtures using 1000 watts per fixture were removed from service in the dome and replaced with new fixtures that use 84 watts per fixture.

On June 8, 2008, a fire destroyed much of the Mansion. Every effort will be to made to make the building more energy efficient during the re-building process.