



Texas Association of Builders
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Legislative Updates

As the next Legislative Session approaches, House and Senate committees are gearing up their respective interim hearings and the Sunset Commission is taking public testimony on the various agencies under review. TAB members and staff were very busy during the month of June testifying on many occasions before the Senate International Trade & Relations Committee, Sunset Commission and House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief & Appraisal Reform. Much of the testimony has focused on the adequacy of county powers related to residential development and windstorm issues and their effect on housing affordability.

Many more interim hearings will be held throughout the summer and fall, so mark your calendar now with these important dates for:

Select Committee on Property Tax Relief & Appraisals

July 15 - Beaumont
August 12 - Lubbock
August 19 - Houston
August 26 - El Paso

Sunset Commission Public Testimony on TRCC

September 24 & 25 - Austin

TAB will coordinate numerous witnesses for these hearings and asks for strong member support. Please contact TAB at (512) 476-6346 if you would like to participate in the crucial review of the TRCC's policies and programs on September 24 & 25.

To review the TRCC's Strategic Plan for 2009 - 2013, visit the commission's Web site at www.trcc.state.tx.us

Sunbelt Registration is Open

The Sunbelt Builders Show™ is yours! With over 14,000 members, TAB is the third largest home builders association in the United States. With your support the Show, November 6 – 8, 2008, can be the most well-attended regional trade show in the country.

The Sunbelt Builders Show™ is TAB's third-largest

revenue generator, bringing in more income to the association than any other income producer besides membership dues and the insurance administration program. Your support of the Show impacts TAB's ability to be effective in providing you with the very best advocacy, education and services.

Your Show offers you the opportunity to network with thousands of industry professionals from across Texas and North America. The schedule has been designed to allow you to take advantage of every aspect of the Show. See the exhibits featuring the latest products, attend TAB committee meetings, celebrate the industry at the many networking events and receptions and participate in the Education Conference. You can enjoy all the Show has to offer without having to choose one event over another.

TAB members have a special **Pay One Price Registration!** A \$575 value for **only \$395**, this ticket includes admittance to the 3-Day Education Conference and exhibits from Thursday through Saturday, PLUS one ticket to EACH of the following: Networking Party, Sunbelt Luncheon, Star Awards Gala, Texas Housing Hall of Honor Celebration & Excellence in Leadership Dinner.

For complete Show information and to register, visit www.SunbeltBuildersShow.com.

Tour of Texas

Turn out for TAB's Tour of Texas. TAB Leadership will criss-cross the state and will stop in your area. Come out to hear what's being said and to participate in this town hall-style meeting.

TAB Leadership will bring you up-to date on issues that effect our association, including the 2009 Texas Legislative Session. Contact your local association for dates and times.

Star Awards



July 14 is your last chance to enter the 2008 Star Awards to be presented at the Sunbelt Builders Show™ on November 7, 2008. We have already received almost 200 entries for these coveted awards.

Don't be left out! Be sure to submit your entries before the deadline of July 14. You can be one of the honored few to take home a prestigious award! Entry forms can be found online at www.TexasBuilders.org. All entries must be postmarked by **July 14, 2008**.