

**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ORDER NO. 14-007**

Under the provisions of Parks & Wildlife Code, §13.004, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (the Department) may receive grants for the operation, maintenance and improvement of state parks. Parks & Wildlife Code, §11.0171 allows the Executive Director to negotiate, contract or enter into an agreement with the United States, any of its agencies, and a political subdivision of this state for the purpose of carrying out the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Department.

The Department was awarded federal funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program to fund exhibits and visitor center improvements at four state parks to interpret the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail. This funding is administered by the Federal Highway Administration through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Federal law mandates that any entity that receives certain types of funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation implement a federally approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. The DBE program increases opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to participate in federally funded contracts. TxDOT has developed a federally approved DBE program that complies with the federal regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 26. Since the Department receives its federal funding through TxDOT, it may adopt TxDOT's DBE program to comply with federal law.

The Executive Director hereby ORDERS that the Department execute the Memorandum of Understanding with TxDOT and adopt TxDOT's DBE program to comply with requirements for the construction of exhibits and visitor center improvements related to the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail.

This order is issued pursuant to §§11.0171 and 13.004 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife code and is effective immediately.

Signed this the 4th day of November, 2014.



Carter Smith
Executive Director
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department