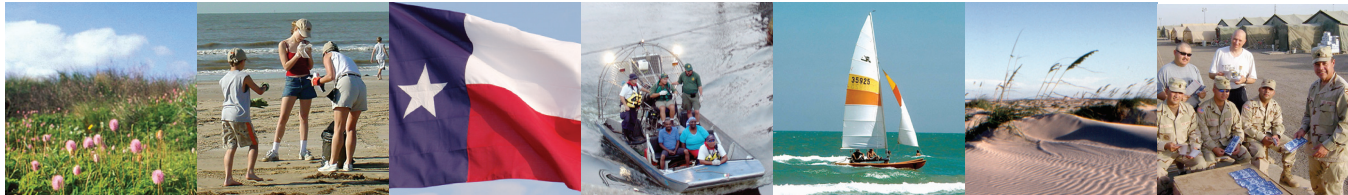


TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE



2006 ANNUAL REPORT

170
YEARS
1836-2006



Dear Friend:

You've probably never heard of the Texas General Land Office, but if you live in the Lone Star State, we touch your life in some way.

We're the oldest agency in the state, yet we pioneer new technology to protect our coast from oil spills and plan the nation's first offshore wind farm. Our staff is highly talented, with expertise ranging from archeology and geology, to restoring old maps and assisting Texas veterans with long-term care. No other agency is so diverse.

We're also the only state agency that earns more—much more, in fact—than we spend in tax dollars. The GLO earned \$660 million for Texas schoolchildren this year; our budget is about \$45 million a year.

For a Texas history buff like me, there's no better job. The Land Office is steeped in history. But don't take my word for it; call our friendly Archives and Records staff and set up a tour. They'll be happy to show you documents signed by folks whose names you'll recognize, names like Bowie, Travis, Austin—documents touched by patriots.

If you're a Texas veteran, we offer the best benefits of any state in the nation. Read the Veterans Land Board article for more information.

Learn how we're turning energy into education in the Energy Resources article.

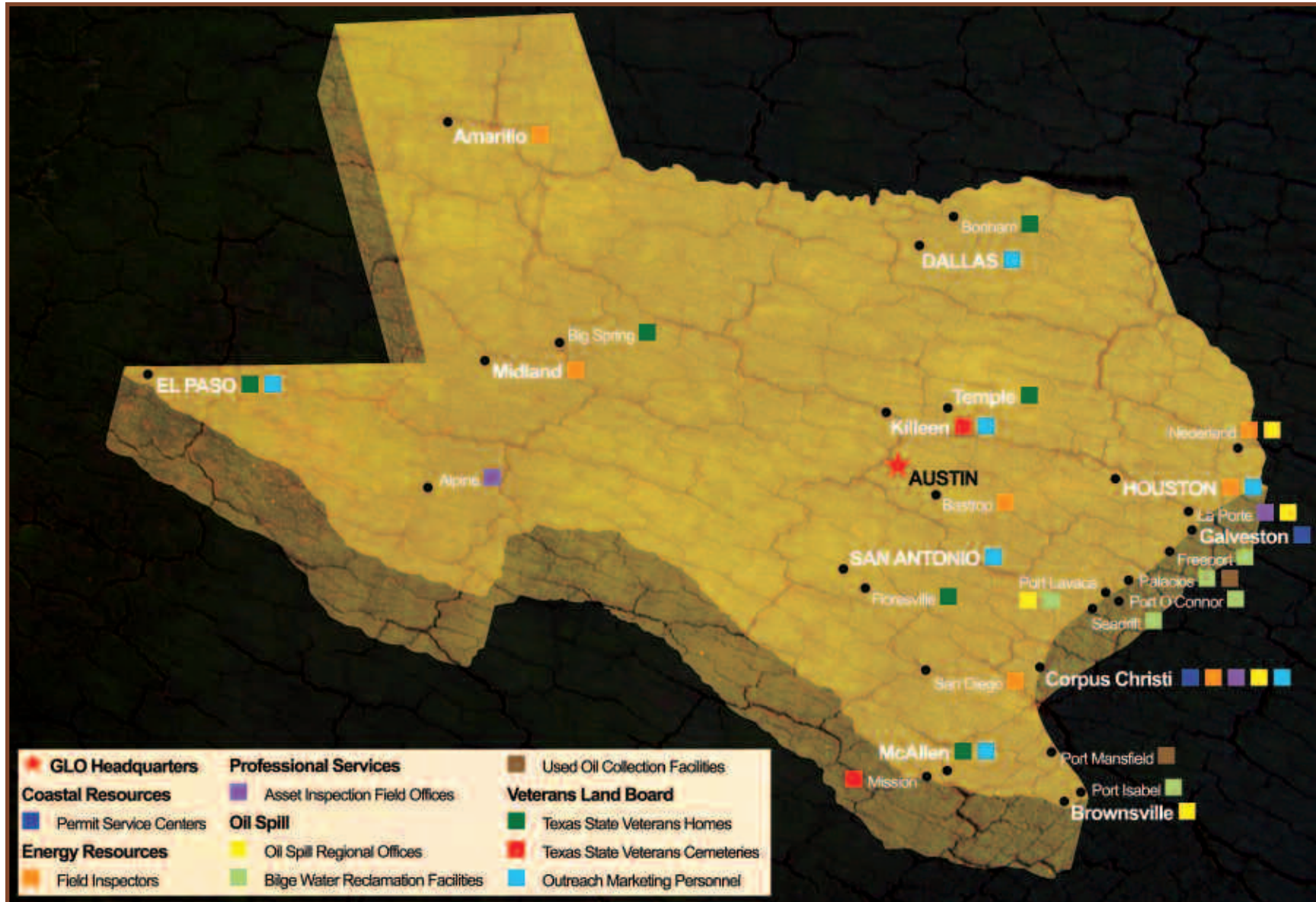
Our Texas Gulf Coast is vital to the state's economy, and the Land Office leads the way in anti-erosion efforts and oil spill prevention and response. See the Oil Spill and Coastal Resources stories for more details.

This Annual Report is intended to show you something we here at the GLO already know: The Texas General Land Office is unique, and Texans should be proud of what we do here.

Sincerely,

JERRY PATTERSON
Commissioner, Texas General Land Office

PERSONNEL & FIELD OFFICES





Old General Land Office Building Photo PICA 05196, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the General Land Office is to maximize revenue through effective management of state resources, provide benefits to Texas veterans and preserve and protect the state's natural resources and vast collection of historical land records.

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PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND DEPOSITS



A BRIEF HISTORY...

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is one of the oldest government entities in the state, dating back to the earliest days of the Republic of Texas. Established by the Republic's constitution in 1836, the agency was officially created on December 22, 1836.

“FOR A SMALL AGENCY THAT MOST FOLKS HAVE NEVER HEARD OF, THE GLO'S ROLE IN TEXAS HISTORY IS A BIG ONE.”

—JERRY PATTERSON
COMMISSIONER

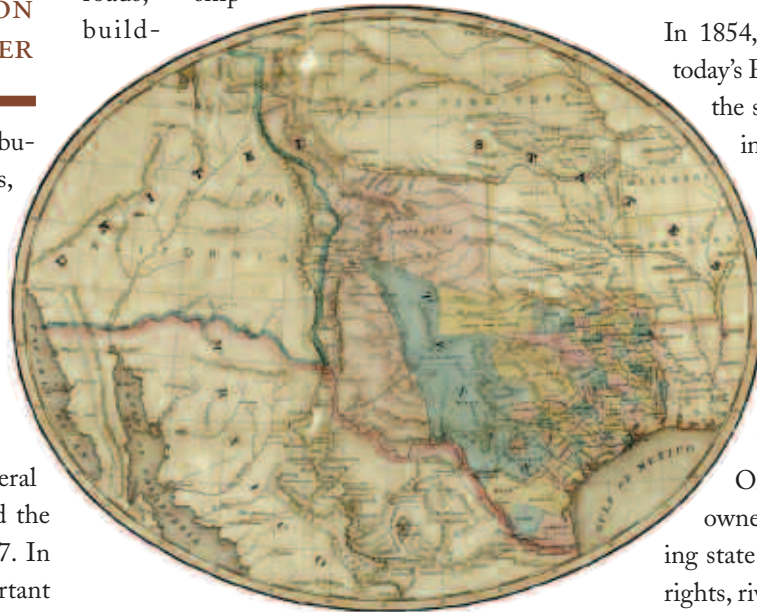
The GLO was charged with overseeing distribution of public lands, providing maps and surveys, registering titles, issuing patents on land, and maintaining records of land granted. It was responsible for collecting all records pertaining to lands of the Republic and verifying claims for land titles issued by Spain and Mexico, including some from the 1700s.

The first Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office was John P. Borden, who opened the first General Land Office in Houston in 1837. In 1839, GLO headquarters and the all-important land archives were moved to Austin. The Archive War resulted when Austin residents prevented

Texas Rangers from moving the archives back to Houston in 1843.

When Texas joined the Union in 1845, the Republic offered 175 million acres of public land to the federal government if it would assume Texas' \$10 million debt. Congress refused and Texas retained title to its lands—the only state to do so.

Texas gave away land to settlers as homesteads, to veterans as compensation for service, for internal improvements, including building railroads, ship-build-



Jacob de Cordova's 1849 map of Texas showing Texas reaching the modern boundary of Wyoming.



The first General Land Office in Austin, 1839-1851.

ing and improvement of rivers for navigation, and to build the state Capitol.

In 1854, the Legislature created the forerunner of today's Permanent School Fund, which helps finance the state's public schools. Half of Texas' remaining public lands were set aside for the Fund, and the GLO was charged with maximizing revenue from this property. Since its inception, the GLO has earned more than \$9.5 billion for the Permanent School Fund, mostly from oil and gas leases and real estate trades and sales.

The core mission of the General Land Office is to manage over 13 million acres owned by the Permanent School Fund, including state surface acreage, acreage with only mineral rights, riverbeds, bays and submerged mineral properties in the Gulf of Mexico. Most of this acreage is devoted to the Permanent School Fund, and



John P. Borden, first commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto.

about a fourth of it is submerged land in state coastal waters and riverbeds.

Thankfully, Sam Houston insisted that Texas retain sovereignty over its coastal waters when it joined the Union. As a result, Texas’

sovereignty extends 10.36 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico and the state has earned billions from oil and gas found in these waters. Huge offshore wind-farms will continue the income stream from this

lucrative area. All of these coastal activities are overseen by the GLO and proceeds go to the Permanent School Fund.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF TEXAS PUBLIC LANDS WAS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR O. HENRY, A GLO EMPLOYEE AND ONE OF AMERICA’S GREAT SHORT STORY WRITERS.

In 1946, the state Legislature created the Veterans Land Board (VLB) to provide low-cost land loans to returning World War II veterans. The VLB—an adjunct of the GLO—was expanded in 1984 to offer low-cost home loans to veterans, and again in 1986 to provide home improvement loans. In 1997, the state Legislature authorized the VLB to build and operate nursing homes for Texas veterans, and in 2001, the VLB was authorized to build and operate up to seven cemeteries for Texas veterans.

Some fascinating people have worked at the GLO, among them, legendary author O. Henry, who worked as a draftsman there from 1887-1891 under his real name, William Sydney Porter.

The notorious Bascom Giles was a Land Commissioner sentenced to six years in prison for conspiracy to commit theft of state money.

The GLO continues making history through new programs and divisions.

In 1986, the GLO held the first Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup. More than 100 nations now emulate this volunteer program.

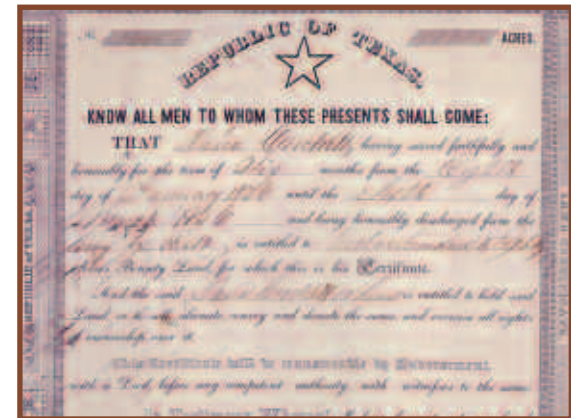
In 1991, the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act was approved, making the GLO the lead state agency for preventing and responding to oil spills in coastal waters.

The Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act of 1999 put the GLO in charge of the first program to address the state’s coastal erosion crisis.

There’s much, much more that could be said about the General Land Office. For a small agency that most folks have never heard of, its role in Texas history is a big one.



O. Henry and other draftsmen at the Land Office, circa 1889.



Land grant certificate issued to David Crockett after his death at the Alamo.

SETTING HIGHER STANDARDS IN 2006...



ALL-TIME LAND OFFICE
EARNINGS FOR
TEXAS SCHOOL KIDS
TOTALS \$9.5 BILLION

Texas General Land Office receives Governor's Volunteer Award for community service. Some of the reasons for the award: Staff contributes \$5,500 to Salvation Army; 17 staffers bicycle 182 miles to raise \$6,800 for multiple sclerosis; and employees donate more than \$40,000 through State Employees Charitable Campaign—one-third more than last fiscal year.

Land Office earns more than \$660 million for Texas public schools—an all-time record for the agency. The Land Office spends about \$45 million a year.

Land Office leads statewide coalition to bring federal wind power research facility to Texas.

Over \$170,000 raised for Save Texas History campaign; pays for restoration of 62 historic Texas maps.

Land Office signs agreement for first offshore wind-energy project in the United States; to be built off Galveston Island.



GLO employee Karen Holt (right) accepts the Governor's Volunteer Award on behalf of the agency.



Commissioner Patterson announces the deal to build America's largest offshore wind farm on state submerged land in the Gulf.



Land Office personnel conducted search and rescue operations in New Orleans.

Oil Spill Prevention and Response staffers help rescue more than 500 people in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

20th anniversary of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program. More than 100 nations now emulate the program, which cleans Texas beaches twice a year. 12,786 volunteers remove 257 tons of trash from 360 miles of Texas Gulf Coast during Adopt-A-Beach cleanups.



Conserving historical documents is a time-consuming and tedious task.

Land Office signs lease for biggest offshore wind farm in U.S. history; to be built off Padre Island on state submerged land.

Commissioner Jerry Patterson's Great Military Map of Texas unveiled; an original, hand-drawn work showing military conflicts and forts in Texas history.

Two dozen World War II veterans interviewed in Voices of Veterans Oral History program.



Commissioner Patterson addresses the audience at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery dedication.



Texas Adopt-A-Beach Program volunteers.



CEPRA is keeping Texas in the constant fight against coastal erosion.



This Week In Texas History—a radio PSA written and produced entirely at the Land Office—grows in popularity and is carried in nine markets across Texas. The 60-second spots feature little-known events of Texas history.

Oil Spill personnel oversaw the successful cleanup of a 4,000-barrel spill at Corpus Christi.

\$100 million investment in Wal-Mart distribution center will earn public schools \$338 million over 30 years and create 1,900 Texas jobs.

\$235 million committed, in total, to four separate outside real estate funds on behalf of Permanent School Fund.

Plan for Texas Open Beaches announced; will help ensure public beaches stay open—\$1.3 million available to defray costs.



A major oil spill in Corpus Christi.



Omar Flores Jr. leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the dedication of the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery. Omar's father, Staff Sgt. Omar D. Flores, was killed in action in Iraq.

Oil Spill personnel help plan and execute joint U.S.-Mexico oil spill exercise at Matamoros, Mexico.



First Texas State Veterans Cemetery dedicated at Killeen.



Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery dedicated in Mission.



Veterans Land Board hosts nine major seminars attended by 5,250 people.



The GLO evaluates environmental and economic impacts of land use in proposed and existing projects on state-owned properties.



WHAT WE DO...

A HOME FOR HISTORY

When the Republic of Texas was born in 1836, it had one thing in abundance: land.



Land accounted for almost all the wealth of early Texans, and its ownership had to be carefully documented and preserved. This is why the General Land Office was the first agency created by the new government of Texas, and the archival collection has remained the heart and soul of the agency for 170 years.

The Archives and Records Division of the Texas General Land Office oversees all original land doc-

uments dating back to Spanish rule. These documents certify the transfer of land from the government of Texas to the first private owner. The vast majority of Texas public lands has long since been sold or given away, so the division is now mostly concerned with preserving, organizing, and providing access to its 35 million documents.

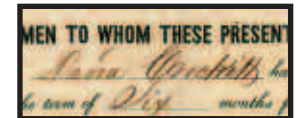
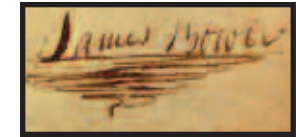
After taking office, one of the first tasks for the first Commissioner of the GLO was certifying all original land grant records in Texas, even those of previous governments. A 18th century land grant from the King of Spain had just as much validity—and still does—as one issued by the Republic or State of Texas. So do land grants made under Mexican rule.

ANYONE CAN TOUR THE
LAND OFFICE ARCHIVES
AND SEE THESE DOCUMENTS
THAT HAVE BEEN TOUCHED
BY PATRIOTS.

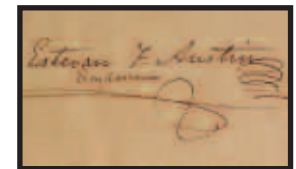
Following the war for Texas independence, the republic rewarded those who fought for it with large



Alamo defenders Bowie, Crockett and Travis



Stephen F. Austin's Signature



land grants. Some land grant documents bear the signatures of William B. Travis, Jim Bowie and Sam Houston. Anyone can tour the Land Office Archives and see these documents that have been touched by patriots.

One of the Archive's most fascinating documents is the first draft of the Republic of Texas Constitution. Thought to have been the first full working draft used at the Constitutional Convention in

Some things are worth saving™

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

Archives and Records continued digitizing its maps and documents. Once digitized, they're placed on the agency's Web site for all Texans to see.



More than \$150,000 was raised selling copies of historic maps and documents in Archives and Records, and more than \$20,000 was directly donated to the Save Texas History Program, which restores irreplaceable, original documents. These revenues paid for the restoration of 50 maps and more than 70 other historic documents.



95 percent of the GLO's Spanish Collection was digitized.



Work began on scanning the Original Land Grant Collection.



On contract with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, 42,676 documents from the Confederate Pension Applications Collection were scanned along with 336 Civilian Conservation Corps maps.



Commissioner Jerry Patterson's "Great Military Map of Texas"—a new, original document—was hand-lettered and illustrated by GLO staff members, including noted artist Ken Helgren. It shows important conflicts, forts, and other military installations throughout Texas history.



The first-ever composite portrait poster of the Commissioners of the Texas General Land Office was created and made available for public sale. This unique poster is possible due to recent discoveries of historic portraits of former Commissioners.



The staff added to the agency's online land grant database, map database, and special collections finding aids. Six previously uncataloged collections are now indexed and finding aids are currently undergoing preparation.



Served more than 19,000 customers, including approximately 4,000 walk-in customers.

March 1836, it disappeared shortly afterward. It resurfaced in the 1940s, but its significance was not recognized and it languished for more than 40 years in the agency's "Centipedes and Dynamite" file drawer, so named for the hand-drawn doodles on the drawer file card. With the advent of more professional archival procedures, the papers were recently identified and given their own protective box.



Land Scrip issued to the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company.

This is one of many GLO documents that trace the creation of Texas, such as Stephen F. Austin's original Spanish field notes and the document granting 1,280 acres to Davy Crockett's heirs.



The map of Austin's Colony underwent seven months of professional conservation.

Naturally, genealogists love Archives and Records, which cheerfully assists them with their research.

Surveyors find the archives indispensable, since original surveys often mean the difference between a good land title and one not worth the paper it's written on.

SAVE TEXAS HISTORY! ★★

★★ GENERAL LAND OFFICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM™

WHAT IS SAVE TEXAS HISTORY?



A detail from Jacob de Cordova's 1849 map of Texas.

One of the first tasks faced by Sam Houston as President of the Texas Republic was collecting all the land records of the new country. By act of the first Congress in 1837 he created the General Land Office and asked its new Commissioner, John Borden, to travel the countryside collecting every scrap of paper related to Texas land. From old Spanish land grants to Stephen F. Austin's field notes, Borden's collection grew into the Archives of the Texas General Land Office.

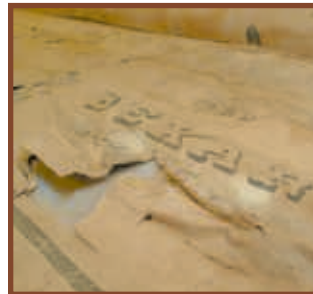
Now that collection is home to 35 million maps and documents, some dating back to 1720, and is considered one of the most significant resources for historical research in the state. The Archives of the Texas General Land Office is the state repository for the history of Texas land.

But many of these documents are crumbling into dust due to age, overuse and poor storage conditions. An effort is needed to preserve these Texas treasures for future generations.

Created by Commissioner Jerry Patterson, The Texas General Land Office "Save Texas History" campaign is a statewide initiative utilizing groundbreaking visual, print and electronic media to rally public support and private funding for the preservation of historic maps and documents at the Archives of the Texas General Land Office.

THE "SAVE TEXAS HISTORY" MISSION:

- ★ EDUCATE ALL TEXANS ABOUT OUR COLORFUL PAST.
- ★ PROMOTE THE STUDY OF TEXAS HISTORY AT ALL AGES.
- ★ PROMOTE THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL BEING THE PRESERVATION OF MORE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS.
- ★ SEEK SPONSOR PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP FURTHER THE MISSION OF THE PROGRAM.



The Republic of Texas Bexar District Map is currently undergoing conservation.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER NO GENERAL REVENUE MONEY IS USED FOR CONSERVATION. THE FUTURE OF THESE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS DEPENDS ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PUBLIC SUPPORT. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO SAVE TEXAS HISTORY. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

This Week in Texas History is a new 60-second, weekly radio feature produced by the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History program that brings to life little-known episodes in the story of Texas. From political scandals, war heroes, heat waves and hurricanes, to shootouts, rivalries, boom towns and barons—This Week in Texas History tells the stories that made Texas great!



GLO staffer Ben Thomson lends his distinct Texas twang to the weekly radio feature.

Airing on radio affiliates across Texas, date and time may vary—check local listings. It is available for broadcast sponsorship by corporations or organizations. To become a sponsor or a radio station affiliate, please contact the Office of Communications at the Texas General Land Office at (512) 475-1685.

★ Online Donations and Map Sales

Save Texas History allows Texans to do their part to preserve the treasures of the past directly over the World Wide Web! View the thousands of historic maps in our collection, learn more about conservation efforts and purchase full size, color replicas instantly with a credit card. Statewide and county historic maps make great gifts for your favorite history buff. You can also make a direct online credit card contribution to Save Texas History and help us raise public awareness of the need to save these Texas treasures.

Permanent School Fund

The Asset Management division of the Texas General Land Office oversees the real estate assets held by the Permanent School Fund and other state agencies.

This responsibility includes the evaluation, acquisition, development, disposition and associated activities necessary to safeguard and enhance the value of the \$22 billion Permanent School Fund.

This primary responsibility is accomplished by three fundamental activities:

- ☞ The evaluation, development and disposition of rural and urban property by sale, lease or trade or combinations thereof;
- ☞ The evaluation of real property available in the marketplace for possible acquisition to enhance the value of the current portfolio; and
- ☞ The evaluation and commitment of capital with external real estate investment funds to further enhance and diversify the portfolio.

Asset Management must also evaluate all state properties and recommend whether to keep or sell them.

In 2006, the division sold 19 properties on behalf of other state agencies, earning more than \$4.6 million from the sales for those agencies.

Asset Management sets policy, processes and procedures to maximize the Permanent School Fund portfolio's performance, manage potential risks and safeguard its assets.

This responsibility includes the following:

- ☞ The evaluation of the portfolio's asset allocation among various investment vehicles;
- ☞ The establishment of procedures to ensure that the financial fundamentals of the underlying transactions are supporting the goals and objectives of the PSF; and
- ☞ The development and oversight of the business infrastructure necessary to effectively and efficiently manage the portfolio.

ASSET MANAGEMENT 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

The value of the Permanent School Fund surface real estate holdings grew to \$731 million with the acquisition of 72,000 acres.

☞
Sales of over 15,000 acres with an average return of 116 percent over historical cost.

☞
EXTERNAL FUND INVESTMENTS
Initial commitments to externally managed real estate funds totalled \$235 million. Some of these funds included Capmark, Walton and Guggenheim.

(Revised 5/2/07)



The Central Market development in Austin was a groundbreaking project for the Land Office.

CARING FOR THE COAST



With 367 miles of Gulf shoreline, Texas has the third longest coast in the nation. The job of protecting and maintaining it falls to the Coastal Resources Program of the Texas General Land Office.

Coastal Texas 2020—a long-term, statewide initiative by the GLO—was recently created to unite local, state and federal efforts to promote the environmental and economic health of the Texas coast.

One of its main goals is to obtain more federal funding for the state's daunting coastal erosion problem. Coastal Texas 2020 approaches coastal issues in a comprehensive way, mixing funds from all levels of government with private sector money. Regulatory change combined with market-based solutions is another key aspect of Coastal Texas 2020.

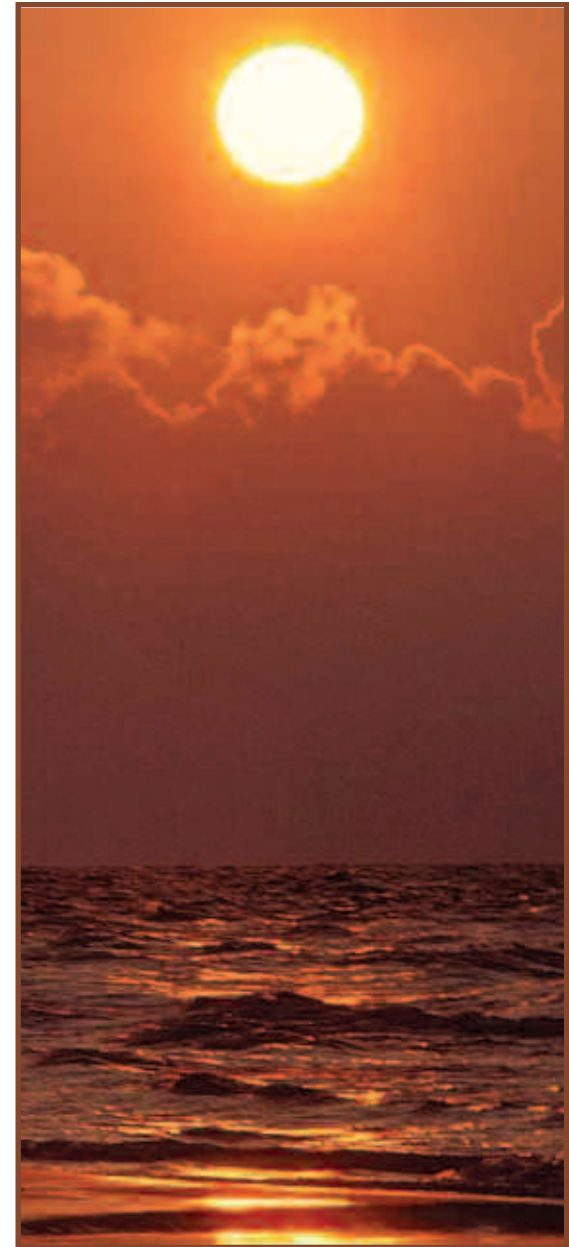


The Coastal Resources Program of the GLO is comprised of three divisions:

- Coastal Coordination,
- Coastal Stewardship, and
- Financial and Technical Services.



Texas suffers from some of the worst coastal erosion rates in the nation.



“THE TEXAS COAST FACES SOME DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. HOWEVER, BY POOLING OUR EFFORTS, WE CAN FACE THOSE CHALLENGES AND MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.”

--JERRY PATTERSON

Coastal Coordination, a part of the Coastal Resources Division, administers the state's coastal erosion program and oversees projects funded under the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA).

The program coordinates the efforts of federal, state and local entities to conduct erosion response projects and studies. To date, the Texas Legislature has appropriated \$44.62 million for the CEPRA program. The selected projects and studies, when leveraged with other federal, state, local, and private funds, have made the total budget for the program in excess of \$90 million.

The Coastal Stewardship Division serves as staff to the Coastal Coordination Council and administers the Texas Coastal Management Program. Through the CMP, the Council sets goals and policies for the management of coastal natural resources.

TRASHING TEXAS BEACHES ISN'T COOL™



Twenty years ago, during the administration of Commissioner Garry Mauro, something unique happened in Texas: Thousands of volunteers gathered on Padre Island to remove tons of beach debris. Since then, Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup volunteers have picked up more than 13 million pounds of trash

from 367 miles of Texas coast, and the program has inspired similar efforts in more than 100 nations across the globe.

Unfortunately, the same currents that make the Texas coast a thriving shipping zone make it a magnet for foreign debris. It's not uncommon to find items from as far away as South America, or even Greece.

Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are held all along the coast each spring and fall. Volunteers are given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags at cleanup sites. Many of the sites feature free food, drinks and entertainment provided by generous sponsors.



WWW.TEXASADOPTABEACH.ORG
1-877-TXCOAST

2006 COASTAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Coastal Stewardship Division oversees the Beach Access and Dune Protection Program, which assists local governments and coastal property owners in managing the Texas coast so that both the private landowners' interests and the public's right of access to public beaches are protected.

Financial services provided include budget preparation, financial analyses, financial monitoring, contract management and auditing.

This division also administers the Beach Maintenance Reimbursement Program, which provides partial reimbursements to eligible coastal communities for expenses incurred in maintaining clean, safe and healthy beaches.



Commissioner Patterson on the Texas coast.



Opened a branch of its Permit Service Center at Texas A&M University at Galveston to help individuals, agencies and businesses applying for environmental permits in the coastal zone.



Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson made \$1.3 million in Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) funding available to remove qualified houses from the public beach.



Patterson also issued his "Plan for Texas Open Beaches," which includes an eight-point plan to address the issue of houses on the public beach.



Governor Rick Perry established a three-member Coastal Land Advisory Board, chaired by Commissioner Jerry Patterson, to make recommendations to the Governor regarding the best use of state-level Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds.



Coastal Resources staff members attended hazard mitigation training and embarked on a new initiative to increase grant and public assistance funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The CEPRA program was successful in obtaining a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award for dune restoration and was successful in obtaining approval of about \$1.5 million for repair of several beach nourishment projects in Galveston and Brazoria counties.



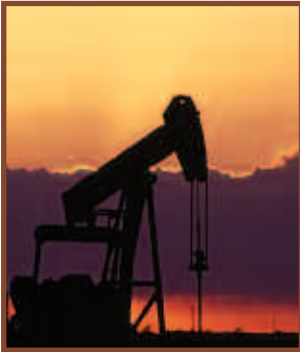
The CEPRA program is administering \$7.3 million to 17 projects along the Texas coast to address coastal erosion.



The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association recognized the CEPRA project at South Padre Island as a Top Restored Beach.

ENERGY FOR EDUCATION

Energy Resources is a taxpayer’s dream; it actually earns more than it costs. In fact, it netted more than \$450 million this year for Texas school kids, mostly through oil and gas from state lands. That’s almost 100 times what Energy Resources spends—quite a bargain for Texans.



By law, the GLO must earn as much as possible from Permanent School Fund lands, which it oversees. The GLO leases some of this land to energy firms looking for oil and gas. These firms

bid for the right to lease promising tracts, and they pay a lot for the opportunity. The PSF earned more than \$92 million this way in the last fiscal year.

Through the GLO, the School Fund gets 20-25 percent of any oil or gas pumped from its leases. The GLO takes its share in cash, or in actual oil and gas produced—increasingly common since the State Power Program began. This program lets the GLO convert its oil and gas into electricity, then provide it to public customers like schools and government agencies at highly competitive rates. As a result, the PSF earns more than it could from cash royalties.

But oil and gas won’t last forever, so Commissioner Patterson has expanded the GLO into wind energy. This year, the agency leased offshore tracts for wind farms off Galveston and Padre Island. Tens of millions of dol-

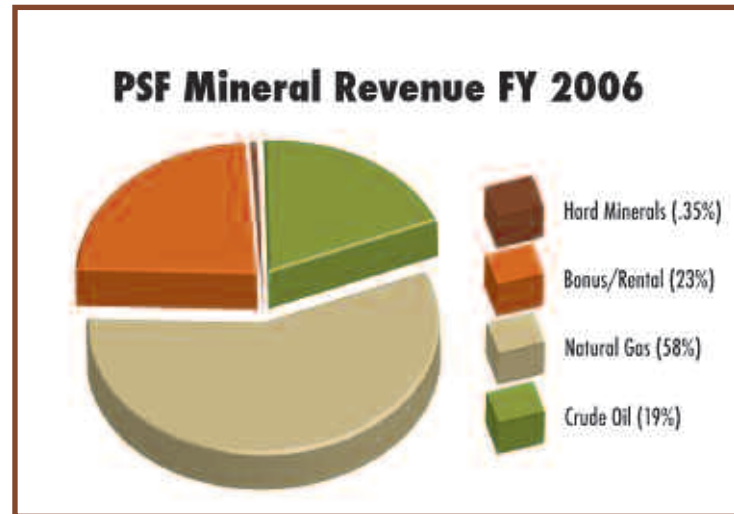


GLO royalty field auditor Rick Ramirez inspects an offshore platform northeast of Port Aransas.

ars will be earned for schoolchildren by the wind farms, which will never run out of their free “fuel.” One way or another, the Energy Resources program will always make money for Texas schools, long after the oil and gas are gone.



Royalty Management staffers ensure Texas schoolchildren get their fair share.



2006 ENERGY HIGHLIGHTS

TEXAS WIND RUSH

The Texas General Land Office made history twice in 2006, signing not only the first, but also the second offshore lease for wind energy development in the United States. Together the leases will earn the Land Office a bare minimum of \$60.5 million, and likely many millions more.

The first lease allows Galveston-Offshore Wind, LLC, to build a 150 MW wind energy development about seven miles off the coast of Galveston.

The second lease, with Texas-based Superior Renewable Energy, allows for the construction of enough wind turbines to generate a minimum of 250 MW of energy and as much as 500 MW or more off the coast of Padre Island National



The GLO's pioneering wind power project in far West Texas has earned more than \$750,000 for public education.



Commissioner Patterson and representatives from Galveston-Offshore Wind, LLC, announce details of the wind lease agreement.

Earned more than \$452 million for the Permanent School Fund.

Signed agreement for first offshore wind-energy project in the United States; to be built off Galveston Island on state submerged land.

Signed lease for biggest offshore wind farm in U.S. history; to be built off Padre Island on state submerged land.

Collected more than \$92 million in bonus revenue from oil and gas firms bidding for the right to lease PSF lands.

Leased more than 900,000 acres in West Texas for oil and gas in the last two fiscal years.

Secured 10-year agreement to supply natural gas to The University of Texas at Austin.

Executed a new contract with Texas State University, making TSU the fourth-largest customer of PSF natural gas.

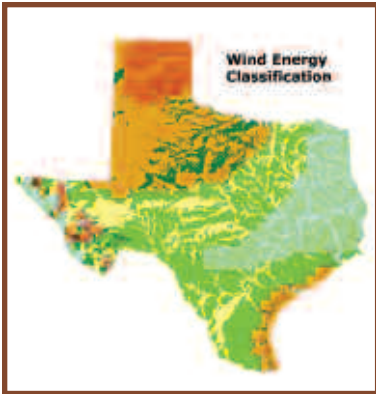
Earned almost \$7 million more for the PSF through the State Power Program than cash royalties would have paid.

Saved public customers—mostly schools—more than \$18 million on their natural gas bills.

Enhanced revenues for schools by almost \$1 million by taking oil royalties in-kind.

Energy Resources staffers were honored for their Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Worked with other agencies to streamline drilling permits in Texas bays, taking pains to safeguard the environment.



Seashore. Once completed, the offshore wind farm will be able to produce enough electricity to power about 125,000 homes.

Every penny earned by the Land Office from this and every other lease is constitutionally dedicated to the Texas Permanent School Fund, which helps pay for public education in Texas. Traditionally, this fund has benefited from oil and gas revenue from state lands.

Since taking office in 2003, Patterson has helped make Texas the leader in U.S. wind power.

Efforts to develop offshore wind power in other states, like New York and Massachusetts, have become mired in congressional politics and bureaucratic tangles. Texas, with its unique sovereignty over coastal waters out to 10.36 miles in the Gulf of Mexico, avoids those troubles.

In 1836, after securing independence from Mexico, Texas claimed the offshore boundaries observed under Spanish, then Mexican law. Sam Houston, president of the new republic, successfully main-

tained sovereignty over all submerged lands when Texas entered the Union in 1845.

Because of Houston's foresight, Texas offers a regulatory environment friendly to both investors and renewable energy pioneers like W.E.S.T., Superior Renewable Energy, and others.

Texas has other advantages for the development of offshore wind power. Coastal winds tend to rise during the day when the state's electrical generating capacity faces peak demand, therefore generating power when it's most needed—and commands the highest price. The gentle slope of the continental shelf off the Texas Gulf Coast makes the development of offshore wind farms easy, and they can be

built close to major markets, such as Houston, Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley and the Golden Triangle. Running power lines from wind farms to the power grid is relatively simple, and the Land Office oversees the granting of easements over submerged state lands.

Thanks to the state's deregulation of the energy market, it's easier to send power from offshore wind farms to the state's power grid.

"Texas has historically been dependent upon oil and gas," Patterson said. "But oil and gas won't last forever. It's vital that the Land Office finds new ways to earn money for the Permanent School Fund."



Commissioner Patterson stands in front of a 113-foot long wind turbine blade.



Commissioner Patterson addresses the Border Energy Forum in Tampico.

TRANSCENDING BORDERS: THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE BORDER ENERGY FORUM

With a combined population of 70 million and growing, states along the U.S.-Mexican border share problems and opportunities. On both sides, energy is seen as the key to future growth.

Perceiving that energy and the environment transcend boundaries, the Texas General Land Office held the first Border Energy Forum in 1994. One hundred decision makers from the United States and Mexico met in El Paso to discuss smart ways to produce and consume energy.

A huge success, the forum became an annual gathering of leaders from industry, government, higher education and environmental organizations, with the shared goal of developing cutting-edge strategies grounded in eco-

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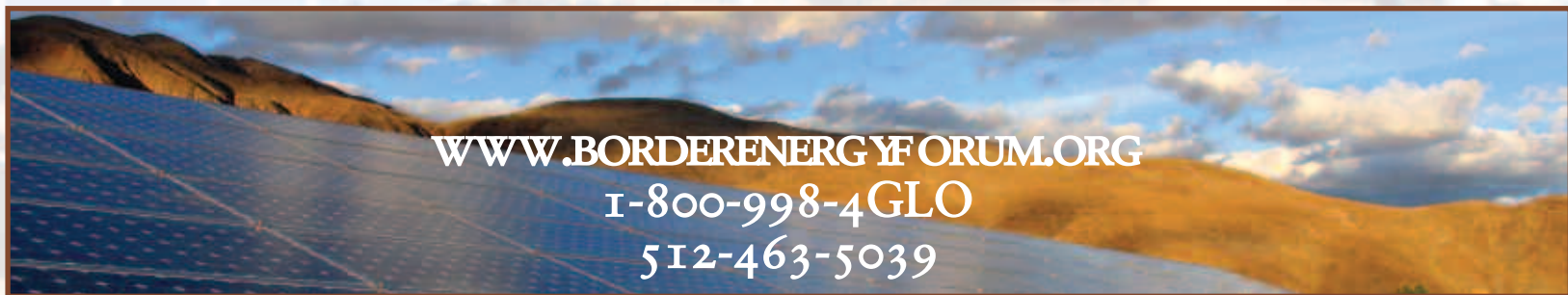
The forum alternates each year between Northern Mexico and the American Southwest, serving as a neutral venue to discuss energy decisions and policies. It has always promoted the twin goals of economic development and environmental protection.

Typical issues discussed at every Border Energy Forum include the future of energy policy, natural gas and electric needs, water and energy efficiency, border energy infrastructure, financing energy projects, and sustainable energy.

Since 1991, the population of Texas border cities has grown more than 22 percent—twice the rate of cities elsewhere in Texas. Mexico has five times as many people as Texas but consumes about half as much energy.



Some of the Border Energy Forum participants.



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OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

It's hard to believe, but in 1990, when 5 million gallons of oil spilled from the supertanker Mega Borg off Galveston, the state of Texas had no way to respond. The results were horrific, and the Legislature rushed to create the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program at the Texas General Land Office in 1991.

The program has a sterling reputation in the oil spill community and team members have shared their expertise at overseas spill events.

Yet its very success has kept this GLO team out of the spotlight. Despite 100 million barrels of oil passing through Texas ports each month, only three major spills have happened since 1991.

This impressive record is the result of painstaking, around-the-clock vigilance. For example, the Oil Spill team has contingency plan information for 12,000 commercial vessels plying Texas waters.



More than 600 coastal facilities that handle oil must also provide contingency plan information for GLO approval.

If a spill does occur, the Oil Spill team stands ready. Five regional offices—strategically placed along the coast—respond to some 1,000 spills a year, most of them very small.

The Oil Spill Program has an arsenal of specialized gear, like floating boom for trapping spilled oil, skimmers, pumps, wildlife rehab equipment, and mobile command posts, as well as boats, trucks and communications devices. Much of it is pre-positioned at coastal wildlife refuges, and all of it is kept in ready-to-go condition.

The GLO is a national leader in oil spill research. Groundbreaking work on oil dispersants, shoreline cleaners, bioremediation and high-frequency radar have been funded by the program. Texas pioneered offshore data buoys to provide real-time data on currents in sensitive areas. Detailed maps created by

EDUCATE. PREVENT. RESPOND.™



As part of the education component of the Oil Spill Program, Response Officer Johnny Darcey discusses the effects of oil on marsh vegetation.



GLO personnel working with the U.S. Coast Guard, Mexican officials and private sector representatives during a transboundary spill exercise.



A C-130 Hercules leased by the Marine Spill Response Corporation drops dyed water on a simulated oil slick. An Air Force C-130 also took part in the demonstration, which tested the ability to drop dispersants from aircraft to break up offshore oil spills.

the agency pinpoint wildlife habitat and the currents that could affect them in a spill.



Of necessity, much has been left unsaid about the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program. Suffice it to say it's a work in progress, steadily improving its capabilities.

Team members are out on the water or visiting refineries every day, patrolling for spills, and watching the handling of petroleum products. The agency works closely with local emergency planning committees, local emergency management coordinators, and disaster district officials.

The GLO also offers free disposal of bilge water at the state's biggest shrimping harbors. As a result, almost a million gallons of waste oil have been recycled rather than dumped.



Commissioner Patterson speaks at the opening of the Bilge Water Reclamation Facility in Freeport.

2006 OIL SPILL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Sixteen staffers with seven boats helped rescue more than 500 residents of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, despite dangerous conditions.



Played major role in planning and executing joint U.S.-Mexico MEXUS oil spill exercise at Matamoros, Mexico.



Staffers from all regional offices helped colleagues in the Nederland office repair their homes after Hurricane Rita. The Nederland staff worked out of a command trailer for six weeks until the office was repaired.



Personnel responded to a 4,000-barrel spill at Corpus Christi, third largest in program history. The spill was prevented from reaching sensitive wildlife habitat.



Program personnel provided support for Governor Perry's Task Force on Evacuation, Transportation and Logistics.

HELPING A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

GLO RESPONDS TO HURRICANE KATRINA



experts traveled to New Orleans, where they helped in several rescue missions. The 16-member team consisted of personnel from all five of the agency's oil spill field offices.



It's hard to refuse a request from the U.S. government, especially when it asks for help with the nation's worst natural disaster in 100 years.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Texas oil spill

By the time it returned to Texas, the team helped rescue more than 500 victims and brought comfort and hope to many desperate people.

Team leader J.T. Ewing was proud of the professionalism shown by

his colleagues. "It's a credit to our training, vessel maintenance and preparedness that the team operated long hours in such a hazardous environment without a single injury," Ewing said.

The Land Office contingent didn't go empty handed, toting along seven boats ranging in size from airboats, to a 24-footer, as well as 10 trucks and a mobile command post. A bird rehabilitation trailer also was brought along to provide air-conditioned sleeping quarters.

The self-sufficient team brought its own food, water, gasoline, diesel fuel and satellite communications gear.

After hundreds of replacement personnel and dozens of boats started pouring in from around the nation, the Land Office team returned to Texas.



MANAGING TEXAS

The Professional Services program helps the General Land Office look after millions of acres of state land worth billions of dollars. Aside from Texas school kids—who get quite a bit of money from state lands—the program’s customers include the general public, other state agencies, and other major program areas at the General Land Office.

The Appraisal Division is a vital part of Professional Services. It appraises the Permanent School Fund’s property so informed decisions can be made on its behalf. It also appraises properties of other state agencies in a four-year cycle, and the findings are reported to the Governor’s Office.

Asset Inspection—another branch of Professional Services—manages state-owned coastal and inland property. It takes care of 768,000 acres of Permanent School Fund land, most of it in far West Texas. Asset Inspection also oversees state “sub-



GLO personnel surveying the ever-changing coastline.

merged lands” in bays, bayous, inlets, streams, estuaries, rivers and creeks, as well as submerged land up to 10.36 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico.

Land Office field biologists monitor coastal areas, educate the public, and work with other agencies to make sure state guidelines are followed. In fiscal year

2006, they did more than 1,700 inspections of bay areas, rivers, and submerged tracts along the Gulf of Mexico.

The Surveying Division is almost synonymous with the Texas General Land Office and has existed in one form or another since the agency’s founding in 1836.

Surveying provides the precise location of state-owned land and minerals, worth vast sums of money. It defines the boundaries of all Permanent School Fund land, all 254 counties and the state. This includes 200,000 miles of boundary between properties along navigable streams and submerged lands along the Gulf Coast.

Surveying staff members also interpret Land Office survey documents and maps for in-house and outside customers.



Land Office personnel inspecting a structure on state-owned submerged land.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

Earned \$12.3 million in revenue.



The Appraisal Division had a record year for estimating the market value on properties for its client divisions: 3,422 reports on properties worth \$3.9 billion.



Asset Inspection executed 457 instruments (111 more than last year).



Earned \$339,000 from 1,500 acres of PSF timber tracts.

SERVING TEXAS VETERANS

No other state can match what the Texas Veterans Land Board offers: low-cost home, land and home improvement loans; nursing homes and cemeteries—all exclusively for Texas veterans or their spouses. And all VLB programs are self-funding, which is good news for Texas taxpayers.

VLB benefits have improved dramatically in the last few years. For example, VLB home loan amounts more than doubled to \$325,000. The program is so popular with the state's 1.7 million veterans that \$2.7 billion in home loans have been funded since 2003.

Veterans may also borrow up to \$60,000 to buy tracts of land as small as one acre, and home

improvement loans of up to \$25,000 are also available. It's possible for a veteran to have an active home, land and home improvement loan at the same time, and once a loan is paid off, a veteran can get another of the same type.

Texas State Veterans Homes are among the latest benefits offered by the VLB. These affordable, long-term nursing homes are in Floresville, Temple, Big Spring, Bonham, El Paso and McAllen, with a new home to open in Amarillo in 2007.

The existing homes have 160 beds each and a certified, secured Alzheimer's unit with its own secured outdoor courtyard for the residents. Each



Residents enjoying lunch at the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home in McAllen.

home offers long-term nursing care, large dining rooms, spacious private and semi-private rooms, designated activity areas, long, covered porches, beautifully landscaped courtyards, and amenities



Distinguished speakers at the dedication ceremony for the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen included Gov. Rick Perry, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker, III, representatives from the VA, local and statewide elected officials, and command staff from nearby Fort Hood.

rarely found in other nursing homes, such as on-site occupational, physical, and speech therapy, libraries, beauty shops and barbershops, meditation areas and private sitting areas.

The VLB can now offer veterans dignified, final resting places through the Texas State Veterans Cemetery Program. Two state veterans cemeteries recently opened in Killeen and Mission, and more will be built to honor those who served our nation. They're located in areas with large veteran populations not served by national cemeteries.

Among the features at the Mission and Killeen cemeteries are: a covered, open-air structure for committal services; a visitors center; a computer system for locating specific graves or interments; an attractive gateway entrance; a 60-foot flagpole; a paved assembly area for special occasions such as Memorial Day observances; an avenue of flags; a memorial walkway where future monuments will be placed; a columbarium for interment of cremated remains; a garden for scat-

tering cremated remains if desired; administrative offices and maintenance facilities.

All VLB programs are self-funded and don't use money from Texas taxpayers. Our loan programs are financed with bonds, which are serviced by loan payments from the veterans who use the programs.



LTC Ruben Balle (far right), a VLB employee who recently served on active duty in Iraq, gave a war zone briefing on the VLB loan programs and benefits to his fellow soldiers. These soldiers are all from San Antonio and are members of the 348th PER GRP, 90th RRC (Tough Hombres).

VETERANS LAND BOARD 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

The Texas State Veterans Cemetery Program dedicated the first state veterans cemetery on October 5, 2005; located in Killeen.



The Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission was dedicated in November 2006, and opened in December 2006.



Abilene and Corpus Christi were chosen for additional sites to be developed as cemeteries.



The state veterans home being built in Amarillo is scheduled to open in spring 2007.



The VLB hosted seminars in cities statewide, including Austin, Bryan, Converse, Corpus Christi, Crockett, Dallas, El Paso, Hemphill, Houston, Jersey Village, Killeen, Kingwood, Lubbock, Rosharon, San Antonio, Stafford, Sugar Land, Tyler and Wichita Falls. The seminars drew a record 5,250 people, the majority first-time attendees.



A VLB housing loan was the 18 millionth guaranteed by the VA.

The cost of operating Texas State Veterans Homes is funded by the daily room rates paid by residents, some of which is subsidized by the VA or third-party insurance. The VA pays for most of the con-

struction costs of Texas State Veterans Homes and all construction costs for Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.

For more information about Texas Veterans Land Board programs, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387) and talk to one of our specialists, or visit our Web site at www.texasveterans.com.



Eugene Hudson

"Then the next thing I saw was a destroyer coming in and it set us about 1,000 yards off which in naval warfare is like taking a 45 and putting it against your chest. And we fired a full salvo—ten 8-inch shells—and when the explosion cleared, there was no destroyer. It just vanished. And then we sank a transport. I think that's when we acquired the name 'the one ship fleet.' We sank a heavy cruiser, a destroyer, two transports—all that one night."

VOICES OF VETERANS

The Voices of Veterans Oral History Program records the stories of Texas veterans and archives them at the General Land Office. Every veteran has a story to tell, and this program ensures these stories of courage and service can inspire Texans for generations to come.

Voices of Veterans is the first time a state agency has ventured into the field of veterans' oral histories. It joins the ranks of other successful oral history programs, but is uniquely open to any Texas veteran who served in the Armed Forces, from World War II to the War on Terror.

Any veteran who wants to add his or her story to Voices of Veterans should call 1-800-252-VETS (8387), or send an e-mail to vlinfo@glo.state.tx.us. Oral history interviews can be conducted in person at the Veterans Land Board in Austin, or by telephone from anywhere in Texas.

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Every veteran has a story to tell™



Claude Platte

"The plane started running and I grabbed the strut. I had to crawl under the strut. I lost my watch, tore my pants, crawled in and closed the throttle. Got in the plane and took off. I forgot to pay the man for the gasoline, I forgot to say thank you for what he had done. And he had already told me that Birmingham was ... that way. And all I did was go that way. And I took off."

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

The Texas General Land Office can't function without the dedicated staff members of the agency's support divisions. In order for the Energy Resources program, for example, to carry out its mission, others must take care of payroll, medical insurance, legal issues, information systems and many other important functions. The support divisions may not be high profile, but they're essential for the General Land Office to do its job.

ADMINISTRATION

This crucial support staff handles financial reporting and services, as well as procurement for the agency. It administers the GLO's federal grants, produces the annual financial report and monitors grant reimbursements. Administration also main-



Roy Cruz, a member of the GLO's Information Systems team, helps out Jesse Arellano and Pat Rogers in the Energy Resources division.

tains the agency's bank accounts, makes some travel arrangements, and ensures the best prices and quality are obtained for Land Office purchases. In addition, it takes care of incoming and outgoing mail, manages the agency's warehouse space, and maintains asset records.

BUDGET AND PLANNING

This small office makes sure the agency avoids wasting taxpayer dollars or other state resources. It coordinates, develops, and monitors agency operating and capital budgets, and reviews, processes, and reports financial transactions made by the agency.

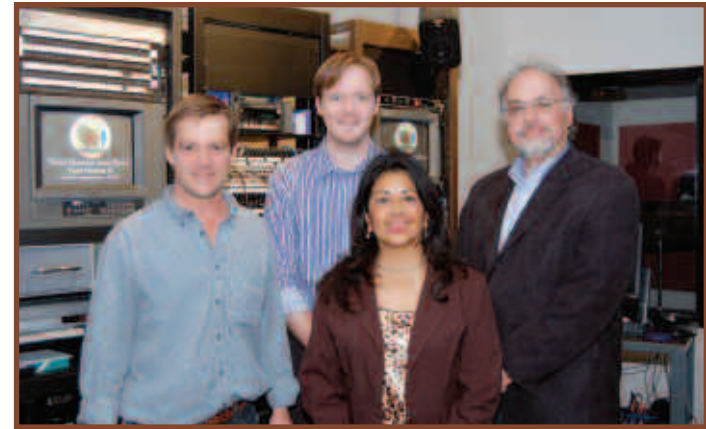
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

This office works with the news media and provides a single, consistent voice for the GLO.

Communications designs the agency's publications and Web site, creates video programs about agency programs and events, handles the graphic arts needs of the GLO, writes and distributes news releases and other documents, and arranges public events to publicize the agency.

EXECUTIVE

The executive staff of Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Chief Clerk Larry Laine handles many of the higher agency functions, including the Commissioner's schedule and travel, correspondence and other special proj-



Members of the GLO media services team.

ects. The staff also helps coordinate agencywide events and communications and takes care of customer service. Currently, Executive supports special initiatives of the Commissioner, including the wind energy program.

FUNDS MANAGEMENT

This division plays a major role in financing programs run by the Texas Veterans Land Board. It handles tax-exempt and taxable bonds for the VLB and oversees the financial operations of VLB loan programs. Funds Management also manages the VLB's investment portfolio and helps other GLO program areas with financial planning and analysis.

HUMAN RESOURCES

This office provides leadership, expertise and assistance with the agency's most valuable asset: its people. Among many other duties, it handles recruit-



Working together for a better Texas.

ing, hiring, employee benefits, risk management, employee safety, ADA compliance, employee records, training and workers compensation.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

This important division provides the technological backbone that all GLO program areas need to do



The Land Office has a strong intern program.

INTERNAL AUDIT

This small department improves Land Office operations through systematic, independent and objective evaluation of all GLO programs. Internal Audit reports are provided to Commissioner Patterson, GLO management, the Governor's Office, the Legislative Budget Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission and the State Auditor's Office.

LEGAL SERVICES

This vital office provides legal counsel for the Commissioner, the School Land Board, the Veterans Land Board, and all agency divisions. It gives legal advice on the purchase and sale of land, commercial leases, surface leases, easements, and boundary and title disputes. One Legal division devotes itself to oil, gas and

their jobs in the most efficient way possible. Like most workplaces nowadays, it's virtually impossible to do business at the Land Office without computers and other information technology. Information Systems makes the agency more effective by streamlining its business processes. It also creates custom software programs and runs the agency's sophisticated network of servers, personal computers and peripherals.

other minerals from state lands, while others advise agency clients on general legal matters and issues related to natural resources.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

This department offers confidential help with work-related concerns or conflicts to all GLO employees.

OFFICE OF POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

This department concentrates on development of policy initiatives and federal and state legislation that affects the GLO. It does this in a variety of ways, like attending hearings and meetings that concern the General Land Office, Veterans Land Board and Permanent School Fund. OPGA responds to constituent and legislative inquiries, and maintains relations between local, state and federal officials and the Land Office.



Members of the GLO's Internal Audit team.

RESEARCH AS CLOSE AS THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON



Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, has brought millions of land grants, coastal leases and oil and gas leases to life via a 21st century, state-of-the-art, online mapping application.

The Texas General Land Office Interactive Land/Lease Information System can be used by anyone with Internet access. Now, employees at oil and gas companies across the nation can search for information on specific oil and gas leases with a few keystrokes. They can see a map of the surrounding area, with details as small as street intersections. And in less than a minute, a graduate student in Lubbock can view original land grant information for William B. Travis thanks to this new online mapping application.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) were first used at the General Land Office in 1988 for surveying state lands and for legislative redistricting. Since then, GIS functions have expanded to include supporting lease sales, oil spill response, stewardship of coastal resources, land surveying and other business functions of the Land Office.

To begin searching land transfers, oil and gas leases, coastal leases and other data, please visit the Land Office Web site at <http://gisweb1.glo.state.tx.us/website/gisweb.cfm>.

OTHER GLO HIGHLIGHTS IN 2006

Budget and Planning put together a baseline request for \$121.4 million for FYs 2008-2009, of which \$93.1 million is state funding. This is about 37 percent less than projected spending for the 2006-2007 biennium.



Administration was responsible for the agency's 16 percent of the state's entire pre-conference awards for the Black Enterprise Spot Bid Fair.



Human Resources handled the first significant phase of the GLO Diversity Initiative.



Human Resources conducted the GLO's first business continuity plan exercise, which will help the agency function under emergency conditions.



Human Resources administered the agency's State Employee Charitable Campaign Program, which raised almost \$40,000 from GLO staffers.



Information Systems processed and cleared \$764 million through the agency financial systems.



Legal Services helped develop an enforcement policy in time for the expiration of the two-year moratorium for removing houses from the public beach.



Legal Services drafted negotiations for two offshore wind projects, the first of their kind in the nation.



Legal Services helped develop a \$240 million federal grant to be distributed over four years for Texas coastal projects.



Policy and Governmental Affairs organized educational tours with Legislative Committees having oversight of GLO programs.

HELPING FELLOW TEXANS...

GLO VOLUNTEERISM

In June 2006, Gov. Rick Perry took the unusual step of recognizing the charitable efforts of a state agency when the GLO was honored at the 23rd Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards. The award citation noted the extraordinary volunteer efforts of agency staff members, including dangerous relief work in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

Donations to the 2006 State Employee Charitable Campaign set an all-time record for the GLO. Voluntary payroll deductions for worthy causes exceeded \$33,000, and the agency's annual International Heritage Day event raised more than

\$7,000, for a total of about \$40,000—one-third more than last fiscal year.

“WHAT I HAVE FOUND SINCE I BECAME TEXAS LAND COMMISSIONER IS THAT THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE IS REMARKABLE BECAUSE IT IS STAFFED BY REMARKABLE PEOPLE.” --JERRY PATTERSON



Archives Director Jerry Drake presents GLO employee Kevin Klaus with a special flag that flew over the Alamo as a tribute to Kevin's efforts to provide holiday care packages to U.S. troops stationed in Iraq.

Employees at the Texas General Land Office donated their efforts to the following over the last year:

ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM

Since 1986, more than 340,000 volunteers have removed more than 6,400 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION, TURMAN HALFWAY HOUSE AND AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

In 2004, the GLO expanded its career training efforts to include at-risk youth. To date, this program has been very successful and a number of students have gone on to obtain gainful employment.



These members of the GLO MS150 bike team rode their bikes from Houston to Austin to raise money to fight multiple sclerosis.

GLO VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES IN 2006

It would take a long list to mention all the volunteer programs GLO staffers take part in. The Land Office supports and encourages these efforts. The following are just a few of the wonderful causes GLO employees give their time and money to:

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE DAY

Just over \$9,000 was raised by the 2006 International Heritage Day event. The donation was evenly divided between Prevent Child Abuse Texas and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The previous fund-raising mark for International Heritage Day was more than \$7,500, set by the 2003 event.



MEALS ON WHEELS

For more than 15 years, GLO employees have given up their lunch hours to aid this important program.



KATIE EWING CANCER FUND

GLO staff members raised \$2,110.43 to assist Katie Ewing in her fight against osteosarcoma.



2006 MS 150

Seventeen GLO staff members bicycled 182 miles to raise \$6,800 to fight multiple sclerosis.



SUPPORTING THE TROOPS

Individual GLO staff members have established numerous programs to help support our service people abroad. These efforts range from providing Christmas dinners and presents, to arranging the delivery of care packages and phone cards.



COATS FOR KIDS

Each year the GLO provides donations for this important program.



Land Office staffers held a bake sale and silent auction to raise money to assist a fellow employee in her fight against cancer.

TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PROFESSIONALS

Various divisions within the General Land Office offer career training to college students. In partnership with various Texas universities, the Internal Audit Program Area, Archives and Records Division, Legal Services Program Area, and Professional Services Program Area, among others, put their talents to work training the next generation of professionals.

VOICES OF VETERANS

Working through the Texas Veterans Land Board, a volunteer program has been created to record oral histories of Texas veterans and permanently archive these unique stories. GLO employees are encouraged to volunteer for this program, recording and transcribing the oral histories.



The Meals on Wheels program is just one of many worthwhile causes land office employees participate in.

TRAVIS COUNTY RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Travis County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers give their time and expertise to the GLO in order to assist with projects that benefit the community at large.

CULTURAL AWARENESS COUNCIL

The Cultural Awareness Council (CAC) is an employee-driven organization that creates cultural awareness and opportunities via action and education. The CAC acts as a hub for organizing many of the charitable and volunteer activities that take place within the GLO. In 2005, the CAC donated \$5,500 to the Salvation Army.

2005 HURRICANE RESPONSE

In the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the GLO was able to put its resources to work, going

beyond the call of duty to help people in need. Members of the agency's Oil Spill Prevention and Response team were some of the first rescuers in New Orleans, while individual GLO

employees gave up their time to staff soup kitchens and aid in the relief effort.

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Since 2000, the GLO has partnered with the Texas School for the Deaf to provide career training for many of its severely handicapped students.

COMMUNITY CHAMPS

Each month, the volunteer efforts of dedicated GLO employees are highlighted in the Community Champs section of the agency's newsletter, "The Landscape." Community Champs salutes the hard work



Every year, GLO employees raise thousands of dollars for various charities through International Heritage Day activities.

of these individuals and encourages others to get involved.



Land Office employees present a check to the Salvation Army.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Texas General Land Office has a wide variety of publications, packets and brochures available free of charge to the general public. Many of these publications can be found on the GLO's Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us or can be obtained by calling the Land Office at 1-800-998-4GLO.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field Notes Newsletter *

Welcome to the Texas General Land Office brochure

GLO ADOPT-A-BEACH

Adopt-A-Beach Newsletter *

Adopt-A-Beach Educational CD-ROM

Adopt-A-Beach Poster

Marine Debris Timeline Poster

TEXAS HISTORY

Saving Texas History Newsletter *

Save Texas History Brochure

Catalogue of the Spanish Collection, Part 1 **

Catalogue of the Spanish Collection, Part 2 **

Guide to Spanish and Mexican Land Grants in South Texas

The Great Military Map of Texas **

THE TEXAS COAST

On the Coast Newsletter

Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA): Report to the 79th Texas Legislature, April 2005

Coastal Texas 2020: A Clear Vision for the Texas Coast

Dune Protection and Improvement Manual for the Texas Gulf Coast

Texas Beach and Bay Access Guidebook

Texas Coastal Wetlands: A Handbook for Local Governments

Texas Beaches & Dunes Poster

Texas Coastal Treasures Poster

Texas Coastal Wetlands Poster

Texas Submerged Lands Poster

The Texas Coast: An Owner's Manual *

Caring for the Coast brochure

Coastal Permitting Assistance for Individuals and Small Businesses Brochure

Texas Coastal Natural Resource Area Bookmarks

Texas Coastal Wetlands: A Handbook for Local Governments

Texas Coastal Construction Handbook *

Cabin Connection Newsletter *

Texas Coastal Permitting Assistance Brochure

OIL SPILLS

Facility and Maritime Affairs (FAMA) Newsletter

Educate, Prevent, Response Brochure

Guide to Preventing Small Oil Spills Brochure

OSPR Bilge Water Reclamation Project

Protecting the Texas Coast Coloring Book

Texas Coastal Oil Spill Planning & Response CD-ROM Toolkit

Oil Spill Prevention & Response Program Information Packet



Educate-Prevent-Response Educational Poster

TEXAS VETERANS

Veterans Voice Newsletter

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Texas Veterans Land Board Brochure (English and Spanish)

Texas State Veterans Homes Brochure (English and Spanish)

Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Brochure (English and Spanish)

* Publications that are currently only available from our Web site.

** These publications are for sale.

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texasveterans.com

TO INQUIRE ABOUT COASTAL ISSUES

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texascoastalconnection.com

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