TESRS Energy Policy

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A Plan for the Development of an Energy Savings Program

The mission of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS) is to be a recognized leader and preferred provider for the emergency services community by delivering unequaled products and fiduciary services through a highly qualified staff of professional with total commitment to integrity and excellence. The agency provides effective and sound benefits to volunteer fire and emergency medical service departments under Title 8 of the Government Code, Subtitle H.

Organization and Responsibilities

The Executive Director is appointed by the TESRS Board and heads the agency. Day-to-day operations are accomplished by the agency’s 6.5 FTE’s under the direction of the Executive Director.

Development and execution of the plan shall fall under the Staff Services Officer. All agency staff shall provide support.

TESRS’ energy conservation plan identifies projects according to the following order of magnitude:

- Immediate Measures: Implemented through consistent procedural changes and modification of daily habits.
- Short Term Measures: Implemented within the present fiscal year to reduce or limit energy usage and plan for energy conservation without new legislation and within existing budget.
- Long Term Measures: Extends beyond the current fiscal year and may require new legislation or funding sources.

Reporting

The Staff Services Officer reports results compared to energy conservation goals to the Executive Director. Reports are available to the public upon request.

Plan Development

To create an effective methodology for managing and conserving energy in a multi-floored agency environment, a detailed plan has been developed that identifies energy conservation measures, feasibility of implementing such measures and the impact on agency employees.
The following areas will be monitored and analyzed to enable comparison of energy and utility consumption under current configurations and practices vs. potential changes identified by the study:

- General occupant practices (appliances in offices)
- Systems and equipment (lighting, heating/air conditioning, etc)
- Alternative Energy Sources (natural light vs. unnatural lighting)

Goals

- Perform an energy conservation evaluation each year
- Utilize findings to identify immediate, short term and long-term measures that can be implemented
- Manage energy conservation projects and provide an on-going study of TESRS energy usage
- Identify immediate measures through employee education.