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Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

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Wayne Thorburn, Commissioner
Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board
P.O. Box 12188
Austin, TX 78711-2188

Dear Mr. Thorburn:

Congratulations on your new position with the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board (“Board”). The Board is one of many important State programs. The Board, however, is unique in that the Federal government oversees its Federally-related functions and operations pursuant to Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, (“Title XI”). Title XI created the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (“ASC”) and made it responsible for monitoring State appraisal regulatory agencies, such as the Board.

We have provided this information packet to help you become acquainted with the unique partnership and regulatory program created by Title XI between the Federal and State governments and the private sector. This packet provides detailed information about the ASC’s oversight responsibility regarding your State appraiser regulatory program. Information about the private sector component of that partnership, The Appraisal Foundation and its Appraiser Qualifications Board and Appraisal Standards Board, can be found in our most recent Annual Report to Congress, which is enclosed.

Please contact ASC Policy Manager Denise Hoage on 202-293-6250 ext. 105, if you have any questions or would like further information about the ASC. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Ben Henson
Executive Director