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NOTICE OF WEBSITE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

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BACKGROUND

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) maintains an Internet and eMail Domain Name Management policy to ensure uniformity across Texas state agencies. Late last year, DIR revised the policy to designate *texas.gov* as the primary domain name for Texas government entities.

BENEFITS

Like many other state agencies, the department's current domain name ends in *state.tx.us*. However, since 2002, the *.us* domain name has been available for any United States entity to purchase, no longer limited to just government. Because the *.gov* domain is exclusive to government use, by designating *texas.gov* as the primary domain name for the State of Texas, DIR intends to:

- Help people find official state information
- Instill trust that citizens are on a state website
- Help protect against potential fraud or "phishing"

IMPLEMENTATION

The Texas Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending's new website address will be www.sml.texas.gov. Additionally, the text on the right-hand side of the '@' symbol for departmental e-mail addresses will change from *@sml.state.tx.us* to *@sml.texas.gov*.

Effective immediately, you will be redirected to www.sml.texas.gov when visiting www.sml.state.tx.us. Please update any online bookmarks or links and printed materials referencing the department's website address as soon as possible.

Effective April 18, 2011, e-mail addresses *@sml.texas.gov* will run concurrently with e-mail addresses *@sml.state.tx.us* **until December 31, 2011**, at which time you may update

any contact lists and printed materials referencing departmental e-mail addresses.

Effective January 1, 2012, the website link at www.sml.state.tx.us and all e-mail addresses ending *@sml.state.tx.us* will cease to exist.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but we hope in time, *texas.gov* will be more recognizable and easy to remember, and will serve to reinforce website trust in serving Texas citizens.