



## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice from the Architectural Barriers Division of the Texas  
Department of Licensing and Regulation  
January 20, 2012

This **NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS** contains important information for builders and contractors that do business in the City of Arlington. Please circulate this to others in your organization and to your sub-contractors as may be applicable.

Please see the notification below provided by the Architectural Barriers Division of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation below. For additional information, please refer to this link: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/ab/ab.htm>

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It has been brought to the Department's attention that buildings and facilities may be constructed or altered in violation of federal accessibility requirements if the Department allows compliance with the 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) to be based on the date a construction project is registered. Therefore, the compliance criteria for the 2012 TAS has been amended to be consistent with criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for public accommodations and commercial facilities.

Compliance with the 2012 TAS for new construction and alterations of all buildings and facilities subject to Chapter 469.003 is determined by:

- the date the last application for a building permit or permit extension is certified to be complete by a State, county, or local government;
- the date the last application for a building permit or permit extension is received by a State, county, or local government, where the government does not certify the completion of applications; or
- the start of physical construction or alteration, if no building permit is required.

If that date is on or after March 15, 2012, then new construction and alterations must comply with the 2012 TAS. If that date is on or after April 1, 1994, and before March 15, 2012, then new construction and alterations must comply with either the 1994 TAS or the 2012 TAS.