



**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR
NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

AUSTIN – (June 11, 2012) – Melanie Callahan, executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), has been awarded Administrator of the Year by the Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA).

Ms. Callahan was honored at the 43rd TSABAA Annual Conference on June 8, 2012. TSABAA established the Administrator of the Year award in 1984 to formally recognize state employees who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and who have made significant contributions to state agency business administration.

In March 2011, Ms. Callahan was named interim executive administrator of the TWDB and subsequently named executive administrator in December 2011. “Her knowledge, background and leadership afford her not only the ability to understand current fiscal challenges, but also the challenges and opportunities in meeting the state’s water needs,” said Billy R. Bradford Jr., TWDB chairman.

Ms. Callahan joined the TWDB in 2001 and has served as director of fiscal services and chief financial officer. In all, she has 26 years of experience managing the finances of various state agencies.

TSABAA brings together state agency staff leading human resources, accounting, payroll, contracting, budgeting, and purchasing functions to share ideas about budget or accounting policies and discuss new or pending legislation.