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TEXAS ENERGY AGGREGATION HELPS TEXAS STATE AGENCY WITH LARGEST ELECTRICITY BILL IN 2011 CUT COSTS BY \$4 MILLION

WACO, Texas – Feb. 8, 2012 – [Texas Energy Aggregation \(TEA\)](#), an energy consulting and brokerage firm based out of Waco, recently negotiated an electricity contract for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) that will trim approximately \$4 million from their annual electricity costs in 2012. In the 2011 fiscal year, the TDCJ had the highest electricity costs of any state agency in Texas. The savings for 2012 can be attributed to the expertise of the TEA team, as well as current market conditions.

“The team at TDCJ gave us a thorough grilling with their questions before deciding to work with us”, said T.J. Ermoian, president and CEO of TEA. “Even a sophisticated buyer like the TDCJ could see the experience and value we brought to the table, along with the transparency that we believe is so often lacking in this process. We are pleased to have the TDCJ as a satisfied client.”

Recently awarded a [State of Texas contract for Electricity Procurement Services](#), TEA is qualified to procure electricity contracts directly for state agencies, as well as all school districts, hospital districts and local municipalities. Surpassing expectations in areas of experience, technical qualifications and pricing structure, TEA is one of three energy consulting firms across the country to be awarded a statewide contract for electricity procurement and was the lowest bidder among all finalists.

“Helping state agencies like the TDCJ, leverage market conditions to slash their electricity costs is what we do best,” added Ermoian. “Few people really understand the intricacies of the electricity market, let alone know how to begin negotiating a lower price. Clients put their trust in TEA because they know our experts will continuously find the absolute lowest electricity cost.”

Since TEA was selected as an electricity procurement services provider for the state of Texas, it has dedicated a hotline to state agencies that are looking to trim their electricity costs. Representatives of a state agency can call (866) 708-4744 to speak directly with a TEA team member who is an expert in negotiating energy contracts for state entities.

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The TDCJ manages offenders in prisons, jails and private correctional facilities across the state. Contracted with 98 secure facilities throughout six regions, the TDCJ funds and oversees victim services, rehabilitations programs, community supervision (formerly known as adult probation) and manages supervision of offenders released on parole.

About Texas Energy Aggregation

Based in Waco, Texas Energy Aggregation (TEA) was founded in 2002 at the birth of Texas' deregulated market. TEA provides energy brokerage and consulting services and is a member of the Texas Energy Professionals' Association (TEPA). Licensed by the Texas Public Utility Commission as an Electricity Aggregator (license #80149), TEA competitively bids electricity supply contracts with more than two dozen of Texas' most reputable and competitive energy providers. TEA was awarded a State of Texas contract for Electricity Procurement Services, as well as statewide interlocal agreements with Harris County Dept. of Ed. (founded 1888) purchasing service - Choice Facility Partners, and The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).

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