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### NATIONWIDE SEARCH LAUNCHED FOR EQUALITY TEXAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### ***Boards of Equality Texas and Equality Texas Foundation Announce Search for Executive Director to lead state advocacy and education organization***

Austin, Texas (February 2, 2010) – The Equality Texas Transition Team released its job announcement today to a national search for an executive director. The Transition Team's purpose is to plan and oversee the entire executive transition process, including the search for the new executive director, installation of the new executive director and completion of his/her six month performance review. Martha Oestreich, chair of the Transition Team and the Equality Texas Foundation board of directors, stated, "We are looking forward to a strategic process to select the next executive director to lead Equality Texas and move our education, policy, and legislative objectives forward. We are looking for a strong and proven leader that will represent the organization, its members, and allied Texans and advocate for full inclusion of all Texans in the state's civic life."

It is the goal of the Transition Team and the boards of directors to have a new executive director in place by May 15, 2010, if not sooner. Interested persons should review the application requirements and process at [www.equalitytexas.org](http://www.equalitytexas.org)

As a non-partisan organization with a rich twenty-one year history, Equality Texas has established itself as a professional organization at the Texas Capitol and across the state. Equality Texas has successfully changed the focus of its legislative and policy work by achieving a proactive legislative agenda with bipartisan support. The organization has successfully worked for inclusive policies at the local and state levels through expanding and diversifying its outreach, membership, and relationships. Equality Texas has a professional staff committed to working across the state in partnership with its members and allies and in collaboration with

like-minded organizations. Equality Texas' strong, committed board of directors is actively engaged in the governance of the organization and excited that the coming year offers the opportunity for continued progress in implementing the agency's comprehensive strategic plan, annual plan, development plans, and programs.

Equality Texas announced its search for an executive director on January 8, 2010 after Paul Scott accepted a position as executive director of AIDS Services of Austin beginning March 1, 2010.

**Equality Texas** advocates and lobbies for the elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. **Equality Texas Foundation** educates and engages the public about policies and their effect on Texans of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions.



More information on our work is available at [www.EqualityTexas.org](http://www.EqualityTexas.org)

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