

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

Thank you for holding the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering 2004 Global Communications Conference in Dallas.

Our great state also extends a special welcome to the visitors in attendance. With diverse landscapes, varying climatic conditions, and elevations ranging from sea level to majestic Guadalupe Peak, the Lone Star State is a land of striking contrasts and great natural beauty. Moreover, we welcome you to our rich tapestry of people and cultures, evidence of the many who have come from far and near to call this great state home.

With a focus on excellence, the telecommunications industry has worked to meet the needs of Texans. Such strides are key to ensuring that Texas is competitively positioned to build upon its economic progress. I have every expectation that this conference will be an overwhelming success. As top professionals in your field, you will have an opportunity to network and build expertise in meeting the challenges of the future.

To those of you from out of town, I encourage you to explore all that Dallas has to offer. From fine dining to historic buildings, live entertainment, and an array of cultural attractions, this fine city has something for everyone

Anita and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry Governor

