



April 17, 2008

Dear Policy Leader,

We are pleased to announce the second annual *Capital Campus Texas*, a partnership between the Texas Public Policy Foundation and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University will be held July 9th and 10th at the beautiful Westin Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio.

Capital Campus Texas is a university-based education program designed specifically for policymakers in Texas that connects seasoned academics with practitioners of public policy. With thousands of participants in the Mercatus Center's original Capitol Hill Campus program in Washington, DC, plus many more in states around the country, we are pleased to bring this outstanding program back to Texas.

All participant expenses for the two-day retreat, including group transportation, materials, meals and overnight accommodations will be provided by *Capital Campus Texas*. Participants can expect to interact with some of the nation's leading experts in public policy in in-depth sessions on a variety of public policy issues. The keynote dinner on July 9th will feature Amity Shlaes, author of *The Forgotten Man*, the recent best-selling book on the policies and economics of The Great Depression and The New Deal. Since its release in June of 2007, *The Forgotten Man* has received wide acclaim from respected historians and opinion leaders around the country.

Attached are the 2008 *Capital Campus Texas* brochure and application form, which are also available online at www.texaspolicy.com or www.mercatus.org/capitalcampustexas. Unfortunately, a limited number of spaces are available and applications are required. Only completed applications received by May 14th will be considered, and selections will be announced by May 30th. All legislative, leadership, and state agency staff are encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact Angie Chouefati at achouefati@texaspolicy.com or by phone at (512) 472-2700.

We look forward to receiving your application for *Capital Campus Texas*.

Sincerely,

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Lawson Bader
Vice President
Mercatus Center at George Mason University

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Brooke Rollins
President
Texas Public Policy Foundation



CAPITAL CAMPUS TEXAS



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July 9 & 10, 2008 • The Westin Riverwalk Hotel • San Antonio, Texas

Name: _____
Title: _____
Office: _____
Phone number: _____
Email address: _____

Capital Campus Texas is a non-partisan educational program for leadership, legislative and state agency staff. To apply for the 2008 *Capital Campus Texas* class, please complete and return this questionnaire, along with a resume and one letter of recommendation to the Texas Public Policy Foundation by **Wednesday, May 14, 2008**. Applicants selected for the 2008 class will be notified by Friday, May 30, 2008. *Capital Campus Texas* participants are expected to participate in the entire program.

- Completed questionnaire (attach additional pages as necessary)
- Resume
- One letter of recommendation

1) Describe one project, event or situation that illustrates your leadership ability.

2) How would the *Capital Campus Texas* program benefit you professionally?

3) Have you participated in the *Capital Campus Texas* program before? (If no, please skip to question 4) If so, please describe what you found most beneficial in the previous program and what you hope to gain by attending again.

4) What do you hope to gain by attending the *Capital Campus Texas* program?

5) Identify one author, thinker, political leader, or historical figure that has most influenced your political or economic philosophy and why.

6) How did you hear about the *Capital Campus Texas* program?

Please return your completed application to the Texas Public Policy Foundation by Wednesday, May 14, 2008. You may submit your completed application (questionnaire, resume, and letter of recommendation) by email to capitalcampus@texaspolicy.com or by fax to (512) 472-2728.

If you have any questions about *Capital Campus Texas* or this application, please contact Angie Chouiefati at (512) 472-2700.