

# **Texas Department of Banking**

## **Press Release**

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### **Encrypted Communication Service**

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Texas Banking Commissioner Randall S. James announces its new encrypted communication service being provided by ZixCorp (ZIX). This service will provide encrypted email service between the Department and its customers, including banks and other licensees and their attorneys. The service will ensure that confidential information sent to or received by the Department will be secure and protected. After careful consideration, this service was selected for its desk-top encryption capabilities, ease-of-use and administration, cost-effectiveness, and abundance of features. ZIX is a Texas based company with headquarters in Dallas that also provides security to several state and federal agencies.

The Department will begin utilizing this service for all secure electronic communications with the banking and trust industries. Initiating this program will be a two step process. First, the Department needs to obtain an authorized email address for each regulated entity. Second, the regulated entity will complete a one-time registration with ZIX to send/receive secure email. The Department's authorized portal through is ZIX. All secure email from your institution to the Department may be initiated from the Department's portal through ZIX, and you may wish to bookmark this site for future reference.

Once a user has registered, they will be able to send and receive secure email. Visit our Contacts page and select Secure Email section to begin sending/retrieving secured emails via our Secure Message Center.