

Tech Means Business

All Businesses Are Tech Businesses

Texas is a top state for technology jobs, manufacturing, energy, and workforce development. Today, technology is at the core of every Texas business regardless of size, sector, or region. TAB leads the effort to build innovative, sustainable, technology and cybersecurity policies to ensure all Texas employers can succeed.

Talent Pipeline

- ❖ Support programs that increase access to computer science instruction for students of all ages, including ensuring Texas has teachers qualified to teach computer science.
- ❖ Support an all-of-the-above approach to workforce development that aligns with high demand tech jobs today and in the future.

Cybersecurity & IT Modernization

- ❖ Continue to modernize state agency IT to help combat cyber risks, allow citizens to access more state information and services online, and improve the state's IT disaster recovery and telework capabilities.
- ❖ Oppose government cybersecurity standards and regulations on citizens and businesses that make it more difficult for businesses to prevent and mitigate cyber threats in a rapidly changing environment
- ❖ Support industry-driven initiatives that are more adaptable and effective.

Investment Opportunities, Resources, and Infrastructure

- ❖ Encourage investment opportunities and access to capital, especially for smaller technology enterprises.
- ❖ Increase access to broadband – including devices, skills, implementation, cost and adoption - to improve online access to government services, telework, telemedicine and rural economic development.
- ❖ Invest in programs that leverage our ranking as a top state for advanced technology and semiconductor manufacturing.

Reasonable Statutory and Regulatory Frameworks

- ❖ Promote reasonable regulatory frameworks and prevent broad, unnecessary, harmful or hostile laws that stifle innovation.
- ❖ Support a national data privacy standard that enables private sector innovation and protect privacy and secure consumer data, recognizing that technology utilization, development and innovation move much faster than government and are not bound by local or state boundaries.

