

# Legislative Resources and Staff Honored with NCSL Awards

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The Texas Legislative Reference Library and the Texas Senate Research Center have been recognized with Notable Document Awards by the National Conference of State Legislatures, Legislative Research Librarians staff section. More than forty documents from seventeen states were submitted for the award, with thirteen documents from eleven states receiving the honor. Texas was one of only two states to win two awards. The awards were announced at the 38th NCSL Legislative Summit in Atlanta, Georgia in August.

The Texas Legislative Reference Library's [Pinterest page](#), recipient of the Notable Online Resource award, uses the unique format of boards and pins to highlight books, photographs, art and other items that bring the Texas Legislature and its history into view. From historical 'tidbits' about the Texas Legislature to a full exhibit of state symbols, the page highlights a range of helpful information.

The Senate Research Center's [Budget 101: A Guide to the Budget Process in Texas](#) received a Notable Document on Fiscal Policy award. A useful primer on the biennial budget process in Texas, the guide provides a step-by-step description of what happens to the budget during the legislative session, and discusses the different agencies and offices involved in the process. In addition, the publication contains information on the current two-year budget, including when it was passed, total funding, and how funds were distributed by function.

A full list of Notable Document Award Winners for 2013 is available [here](#).

In other awards news, Mary Camp, Director of the Library, was the recipient of the [Legislative Staff Achievement](#) award for 2013. This award recognizes excellence in supporting the work of a state legislature and strengthening the legislative institution. Candidates are evaluated on a number of criteria, including their effectiveness at improving the legislative process, as well as their contributions to the work of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Congratulations, Mary!