

# UN Sung HERO 2008 AWARDS

## THE NOMINEES FOR TPEA'S 2008 UNSUNG HERO AWARDS IN THIS YEAR'S THREE CATEGORIES ARE:

### An Individual State Employee

**Billie Baggett**, nominated by Glenda Herrington, Stephen F. Austin State University  
**La-Nett Belasco**, nominated by Clifford A. Walker, MG, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
**Delores Billman**, nominated by Neill Rayford, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Peter A. Bolds, Jr.**, nominated by Linda Vasse, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
**Debra Ann Borrego**, nominated by Vernon Bevill, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
**Jeanette Bunton**, nominated by Julie Davis, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
**Bob Covington**, nominated by Donna Kahn, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Ronnie Craig**, nominated by Peggy Sumner, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Paul Crosby**, nominated by Lana Rhodes, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Michael DeLong**, nominated by Laurence M. Jones, Texas Workforce Commission  
**Fred Early**, nominated by John H. Adams, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Janet Gilmore**, nominated by Millie Marlow, Texas Department of Information Resources  
**Elvia Gonzalez**, nominated by Dianna F. Noble, Texas Department of Transportation  
**Kathleen Jimenez**, nominated by Terrie Purser, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Alfred H. Kosik, P.E.**, nominated by James A. Cotton, Texas Department of Transportation  
**Melissa D. Lucio**, nominated by Denine R. Johnson, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Matthew Martinez**, nominated by Robert T. Chapa, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Angela McCown**, nominated by Frances Douglas, Texas Department of Public Safety  
**Bevo Morris**, nominated by Mary Valente, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

**Garry L. Parker**, nominated by Justin Chrane, Texas Department of Public Safety  
**Lee Persefield**, nominated by Dot Cole, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
**Sharon Philpot**, nominated by Cathy Whitis, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
**Susan Ruiz**, nominated by Laurence M. Jones, Texas Workforce Commission  
**James W. Smith**, nominated by Suzy Whittenton, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Glenna J. Teltow, MS, M(ASCP)**, nominated by Beverlee E. Nix, DVM, MPH, Texas Department of State Health Services  
**Kwame Thomas**, nominated by Laurence M. Jones, Texas Workforce Commission  
**Dave Tomkins**, nominated by Dee Ellis, DVM, Texas Animal Health Commission  
**Leonard James Washington**, nominated by Art Earle, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Owen Whitworth**, nominated by Steven E. Simmons, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation  
**Deborah Wilson**, nominated by Stuart E. Isdale, Texas A&M University – Kingsville

### A Group of State Employees

**Abilene State School Plumbing Shop & Keith Russell**, nominated by Bill Hoogstra, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
**Coastal Fisheries Management Branch – Ecosystem Resource Assessment Teams**, nominated by Ed Hegen, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
**Comptroller of Public Accounts Wellness Team**, nominated by Allen Spelce, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Facility/Surveyor Liaison**, nominated by Debie Nelson, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

### Manufacturing & Logistics Freight

**Transportation Employees**, nominated by John Fielder, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Regulatory Services Life Safety Code Division**, nominated by Judy Waffle, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
**San Antonio State School Fiesta Committee: Larry Algueseva**, nominated by Larrie Collier, San Antonio State School  
**Small Business & Local Government Assistance Team Leaders: Christine Bergren, Andrew Gardner and Joy Schultz**, nominated by Brian Christian, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
**Workforce Business Services Skills Development Team**, nominated by Reagan Miller, Texas Workforce Commission

### An Individual or Group of State Employees Contributing to their Community

**Karen Baca**, nominated by Maxine White and Carol Carter, Texas Department of Transportation  
**Tim Birmingham**, nominated by Lana Huckabay, Texas Department of State Health Services  
**Lennerd Byrd**, nominated by Glen W. Larum, Texas Department of Transportation  
**Abel B. Gonzalez**, nominated by Philip Sifuentes, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Judy Kay Lightsey**, nominated by Marie Virtue, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services  
**Jesus Longoria**, nominated by Buddy Breivogel, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
**Sandra Portillo**, nominated by John H. Adams, Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
**Sabra P. Vaughan**, nominated by Bobby G. Littlefield, Jr., Texas Department of Transportation  
**Pablo Vargas**, nominated by Catherine W. Hejl, Texas Department of Transportation

The Unsung Hero Awards Ceremony and Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Holiday Inn Austin Town Lake. To date, the following companies have sponsored a table at the luncheon.



For those who would also like to help honor this elite group of state employees, table sponsorships are still available. For more information, call DJ Kyle at 512-476-2691 or go to TPEA's website at [www.tpea.org](http://www.tpea.org).