

## CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

In order to fulfill its mission to offer services and facilities that perform as economic generators, provide destinations and venues that attract visitors and Houstonians and promote and strengthen the cultural fabric of Houston, the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department (CEF) continually assesses its facilities with a strategy that seeks to keep them in first class condition, promote safety, reduce maintenance and operation costs and extend the useful life of its facilities.

Long range and short term planning strategies are used to evaluate and prioritize projects to accomplish these improvements. The highest priority projects are included in the annual 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. (CIP)

The FY2005-2009 Convention & Entertainment Facilities CIP projects funded in this CIP include renovation, enhancements, repairs and refurbishment of existing facilities. Chief among these are flood mitigation devices to be constructed throughout the Theater District, handicap seating/wheel chair lift and orchestra pit renovation at the Wortham Theater, Jones Hall stage rigging, new A/C controls for Houston Center for the Arts, repairs and parking lot resurfacing at Talento Bilingue de Houston and Civic Art projects.

**Various terms used in the CIP are defined in the appendix.**