CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Mission Statement of the Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department (CEFD) is 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. In order to fulfill that mission CEFD 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 the 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 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The FY2011-2015 CEFD Improvements program totals $15,700,000 and is primarily funded with operating revenues. Projects funded in the CIP include renovations, enhancements, repairs and refurbishment of existing facilities. Chief among these are structural and waterproofing repairs as well as security system enhancements at the Theater District Parking Garage; hot and cold water piping replacement and facade illumination at Wortham Center; electrical upgrades and travertine repairs at Jones Hall; escalator refurbishment and upgrades at the GRB Convention Center and Wortham Center; and, replacement of the building automation system at the GRB Convention Center.

The completion of these projects helps CEFD better fulfill its public service mission while helping to preserve and enhance the physical assets.