

TEXAS ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

TEF 1: *Maintain Continuity of Government.* Focus: Ensure the continued functioning of state government and critical government leadership elements, including: succession to key offices; organizational communications (with a priority on emergency communications); leadership and management operations; situational awareness; personnel accountability; and functional and judicial organizations (as necessary).

TEF 2: *Provide Visible Leadership.* Focus: Provide leadership visible to the State of Texas and the Nation and maintain the trust and confidence of our State's citizens and partners.

TEF 3: *Defend the Constitution of Texas.* Focus: Defend the Constitution of the State of Texas.

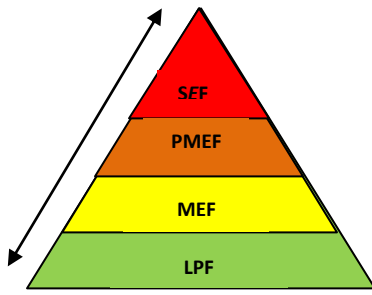
TEF 4: *Maintain Effective Relationships with Neighbors and Partners.* Focus: Maintain relationships and cooperative agreements and facilitate information sharing among federal, state, local, and tribal governments, and private sector and non-profit partners.

TEF 5: *Maintain Law and Order.* Focus: Maintain civil order and public safety (protect people and property and the rule of law), by ensuring basic civil rights, preventing crime, and protecting critical infrastructure.

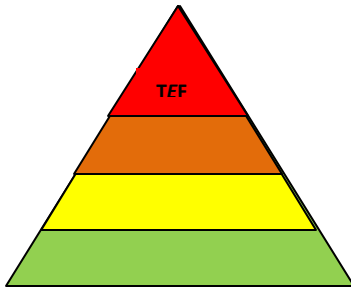
TEF 6: *Ensure Availability of Emergency Services.* Focus: Provide and/or assist local and tribal governments in providing critical emergency services, including emergency management, police, fire, ambulance, medical, search and rescue, hazmat, shelters, emergency food services, recovery operations, etc.

TEF 7: *Maintain Economic Stability.* Focus: Manage the overall economy of the State of Texas by managing the State's finances and ensuring solvency.

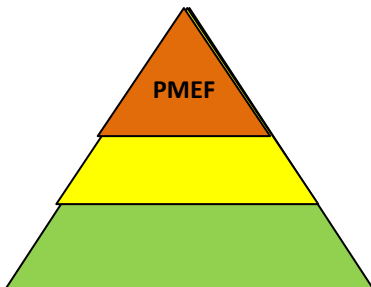
TEF 8: *Ensure the Availability of Basic Essential Services.* Focus: Provide and/or assist in the provision of basic services, including water, power, health care, communications, transportation services, sanitation services, environmental protection, commerce, and financial services, etc. These are services that must continue or be restored quickly to provide for basic needs.



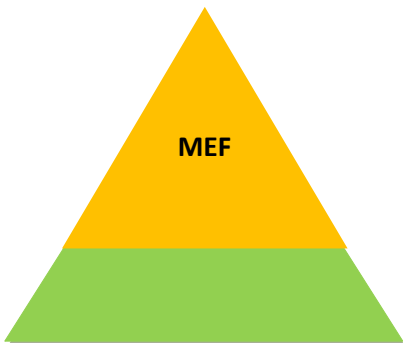
Government Functions are the collective *functions/services* of the executive departments and the legislative and judicial branches as defined by the State Constitution, state and federal statute, regulation, executive order or other legal authority. All Government Services including Low Priority Functions, Mission Essential and Primary Mission Essential Functions that support the Texas Essential Functions.



Texas Essential Functions (TEFs) represent the overarching responsibilities of State Government to lead and sustain the State and shall be the primary focus of State Government's leadership during and in the aftermath of an emergency. The eight TEFs are supported by Government Services performed by one or more departments in one or more branches of government.



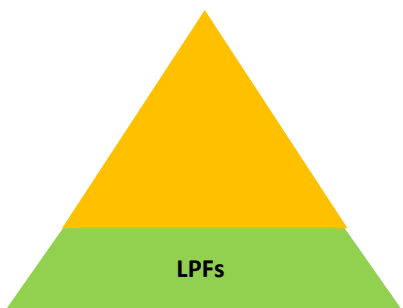
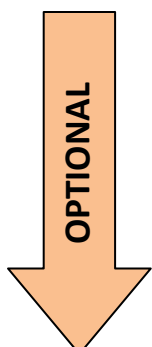
Primary Mission Essential Functions (PMEFs) are Mission Essential Functions which must be performed in order to support the performance of TEFs before, during and in the aftermath of an emergency. PMEFs need to be continuous or resumed within 12 hours after an event and maintained for up to 30 days or until normal operations can be resumed.



Mission Essential Functions (MEFs) are a broader set of essential functions that includes not only an organization's PMEFs, but also all other organization functions that must be continued throughout or resumed rapidly after a disruption of normal activities, but that do not rise to the level of being PMEFs. MEFs are those functions that enable an organization to provide vital services, exercise civil authority, maintain the safety of the public, and sustain the industrial/economic base during disruption of normal operations. These functions are determined by each agency.

Agency Functions that Require COOP Program Development

Agencies determine if LPFs require COOP Program Development



Low Priority Functions (LPFs) are the subset of government functions that if negatively impacted **“do not affect”** the performance of the TEFs or support vital services, exercise civil authority, maintain the safety of the public, and sustain the industrial/economic base. These functions may be suspended or continuity operations addressed after restoration of PMEFs and MEFs.