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# Shepperd e-Leader: New Year—New Opportunities



*Changing the Future of Leadership*

## Shepperd Institute Launches Practical Leadership Series

To meet our mission of educating and equipping Texans with the necessary skills to lead in their homes, jobs and communities, the Shepperd Institute is proud to offer a series of practical, interactive workshops featuring a variety of topics allowing participants to customize their training. Nearly twenty sessions will be offered at the combined Leadership Odessa/Midland January meeting. Attendees will be able to select a custom training program from sessions about organizational financial planning, serving on boards, public speaking, the Texas Open Meeting Law, project conception and completion, mentoring and much more. In addition to the Institute staff, speakers will include Mayor Larry Melton of Odessa, Keith Stretcher, Attorney—City of Midland, Courtney Sharp, Manager—City of Midland, Mark Palmer, Director of the Nonprofit Management Center and many more. The Institute is continually seeking new topics and speakers to ensure the highest level of leadership training throughout Texas.



# POTUS 44

*President of the United States*

Join Bobby Burns, Director of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute for an engaging and exciting discussion about the new administration of **President Elect Barack Obama.**

This program will be the first in a series of discussions allowing a closer look at what really occurs in the Oval Office. Topics will address appointment choices, leadership opportunities, policy issues, public relations and much more.

*This month's topic:*

**The Obama Administration's  
Transition and Plans for "Change"**

**Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2009**

**Time: 11:30 A.M.**

**Where: Mac Boring Room  
Mesa Building**

**FREE LUNCH PROVIDED**

John Ben Shepperd  
Public Leadership  
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“Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance.”

-J. Donald Walters

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

-Thomas Edison

“Difficulties mastered are opportunities won.”

-Winston Churchill

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## Shepperd Institute Welcomes Newest Advisory Council Members

The John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute would like to formally welcome the newest members of our advisory council:

Mrs. Willie Ruth Adams  
Midland

Ms. Jennifer Fox  
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Mr. Glen Hackler  
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Odessa

The members of the advisory council contribute time, knowledge and resources to the numerous leadership programs offered by the Institute and are integral to their success.

## Institute Congratulates Council Member on Election Victory

Congratulations to Representative Tryon Lewis. Judge Lewis was recently elected as the State Representative for District 81, serving the counties of Andrews, Ector and Winkler. Representative Lewis will be officially sworn in on January 13, 2009, as the Texas House of Representatives convenes for the 81st Legislative Session.

***Congratulations, Representative Lewis!***

