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*Public

building?

Institutional

residential

facility?

NO

To be used for

education.

occupancy?

Exempt from

Architectural

Act

YES

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When to Engage an Architect or Excepted Engineer for Design and Construction Observation

Note: An unlicensed person who wishes to offer or perform design services More than 16 pursuant to any of the exemptions must not use any form of the word "architect" units in any YES in connection with the offier or performance of design services. Pursuant to HB 2284 one building? (82nd Texas Legislature, effective September 1, 2011), a limited number of **Engage professional engineers may render architectural services on nonexempt projects. Registered See link at bottom for the Excepted Engineers List. Architect/Excepted Exempt from Engineer Architectural More than Act YES 2 stories? Private single-family dwelling. Institutional NO duplex, farm, ranch, NO residential agricultural building or YES facility? warehouse with limited public access? Multi-family YES (apartments or YES condominiums?) **Engage YES NO Exempt from **Engage Registered** Architectural Registered Commercial Act Architect/Excepted Architect/Excepted building?** Engineer Engineer NO YES YES Alteration or YES NO Construction costs New addition to assembly, or office exceed \$50,000? building? existing More than YES building? 2 stories? YES **Engage YES Registered NO Architect/Excepted Alteration or addition Engineer requires removal, More than Construction YES Engage Registered YES ,NO Exempt from relocation, or additio 20,000 Architectural costs exceed Architect/Excepted YES of walls or partitions square feet? \$100,000?

or alteration or

addition of an exit?

"Public Building" means any building that is owned by a State agency, a political subdivision of the State, or any other public entity in Texas.

Engineer

- If a project involves only the alteration of an existing building and the alteration does not involve a substantial structural or exitway change to the building, the project is exempt from the architectural act.
- "Commercial building" means an enclosed structure primarily used for the purchase, sale, or exchange of commodities or services.