



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the SC08, the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis.

Texas is home to some of the most transformative technology and industries in the world. Pioneers from numerous high-tech businesses live and work here in the Lone Star State, and that is not an accident of geography. Texas boasts an educated, engaged workforce; an economic climate that continues to favor businesses, large and small; and a lifestyle and culture that are unique in the country.

The SC08, and the work you do, represents the sort of spirit we foster in Texas: one that is innovative, adaptive, forward-thinking and reliable. We recognize that the economy of the future will be, in no small part, built by people at this event and events like it. You are to be commended for your work, crafting what could be called the infrastructure of the 21st century, and beyond.

For those of you from out of town, I invite you to see what Austin has to offer. From history, great food and wonderful scenery to the best live music scene you'll find anywhere, Austin has something for everyone.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in wishing you a productive, and inspirational, event.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Rick Perry in black ink.

Rick Perry
Governor