



Transparency Stars Program

COUNCIL POLICY AND VALUATION COMMITTEE: JULY 23, 2025

Purpose of the Transparency Stars Program

BURLESON

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Transparency Stars program recognizes local governments for going above and beyond in their transparency efforts. The program recognizes government entities that accomplish the following:

- Open their books not only in their traditional finances, but also in the areas of contracts and procurement, economic development, public pensions, debt obligations, and Open Government and Compliance; and
- Provide clear and meaningful financial information not only by posting financial documents, but also through summaries, visualizations, downloadable data, and other relevant information.



Type of Transparency Stars

You can apply for one or more Stars, up to six. Entities must first receive a Traditional Finances Star, but may apply for Stars in up to five other areas:

- Contracts and Procurement;
- Economic Development;
- Public Pensions;
- Debt Obligations; and
- Open Government and Compliance

Each Star Stand on Its Own

The program recognizes great breadth and depth in the information presented for each specific Transparency Star awarded, making each star a prestigious achievement. The Stars stand on their own and are not awarded along a continuum or with an expectation that entities should be attaining six out of six stars.

Benefits of Transparency Stars Program



IMPROVE FINANCIAL
TRANSPARENCY;



PROVIDE MEANINGFUL
FINANCIAL
INFORMATION



CENTRALIZE FINANCIAL
INFORMATION



REDUCE SECURITY AND
THREATS

Traditional Finances Star



Current Transparency Practice

The City of Burleson post on its website the following:

- Check Register
- Budget
- Annual Financial Reports
- All the information to qualify for the traditional star:

<https://www.burlesontx.com/2748/Transparency-Stars>

Reduced Security Risk

*Security risk and threats can be reduced by truncating the name of the payee.
Comparisons are as follows:*

<u>Currently</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Alan Plummer & Associates	Alan
AssureHire, Inc.	Assur
Brodart Co.	Broda
Classic Chevrolet Buick	Class
Canon Business Solutions	Canon
Lawson Production Inc.	Lawso
Liquid Stone Concrete	Liqui

Statewide Award Recipients by Star

Star 6: 9

Star 5: 9

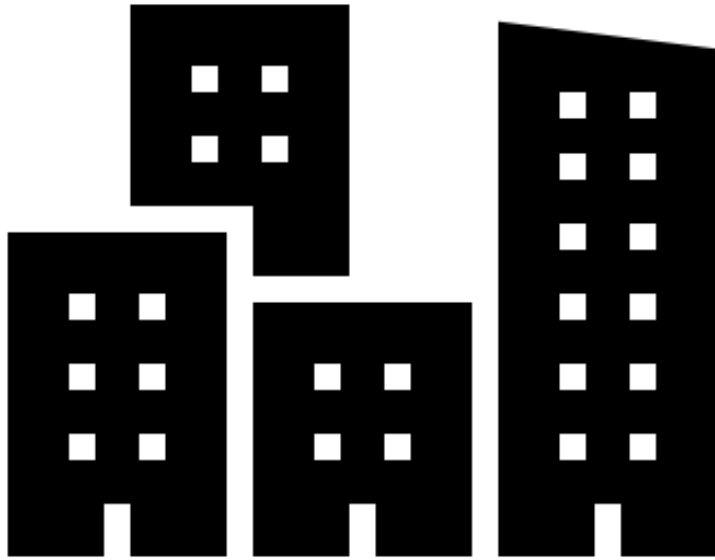
Star 4: 3

Star 3: 12

Star 2 19

Star 1: 37

Award Recipients with 5 Stars



City of Anna

City of Jersey
Village

City of Keller

City of
Mesquite

City of New
Braunfels

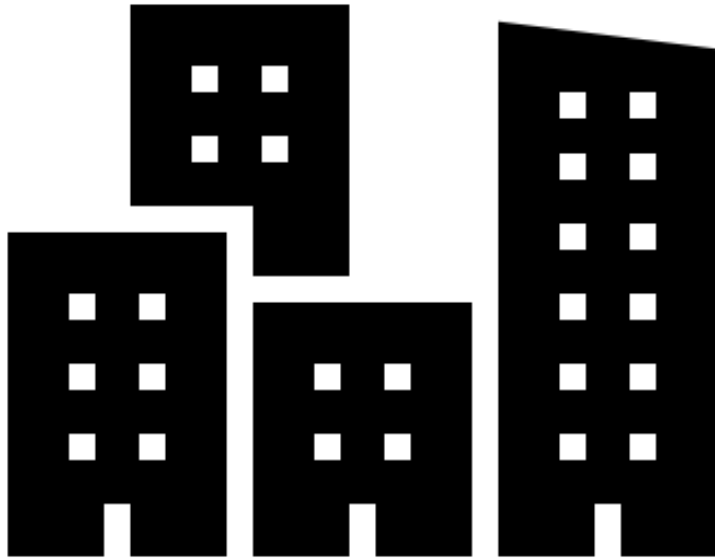
City of
Pearland

City of Plano

City of
Richardson

City of
Shenandoah

Award Recipients with 6 Stars



Town of Addison	City of Arlington	City of College Station
City of Denton	City of Gainesville	City of Lancaster
City of McKinney	City of Round Rock	City of Rowlett

Recommendation

The Policy and Valuation Committee recommends applying for the remaining Transparency Stars.



Questions, Comments & Direction
