



Transparency Stars Program

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Purpose of the Transparency Stars Program

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.



Types 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

Where We Were

- Awarded three transparency stars with the 4th applied for.
- 3 of 6 stars achieved, highlighting room for growth in transparency.
- Set the foundation for transparency available on Burleson's website through the Star's landing page.



Current Progress

- Additionally awarded both the Open Government & Economic Development Transparency Stars
- Working towards the 6th and final transparency star for Contracts & Procurement
- Finalized Website setup



Stars Obtained

5/6

Statewide Award Recipients by Star

Star 6: 19

Star 5: 9

Star 4: 12

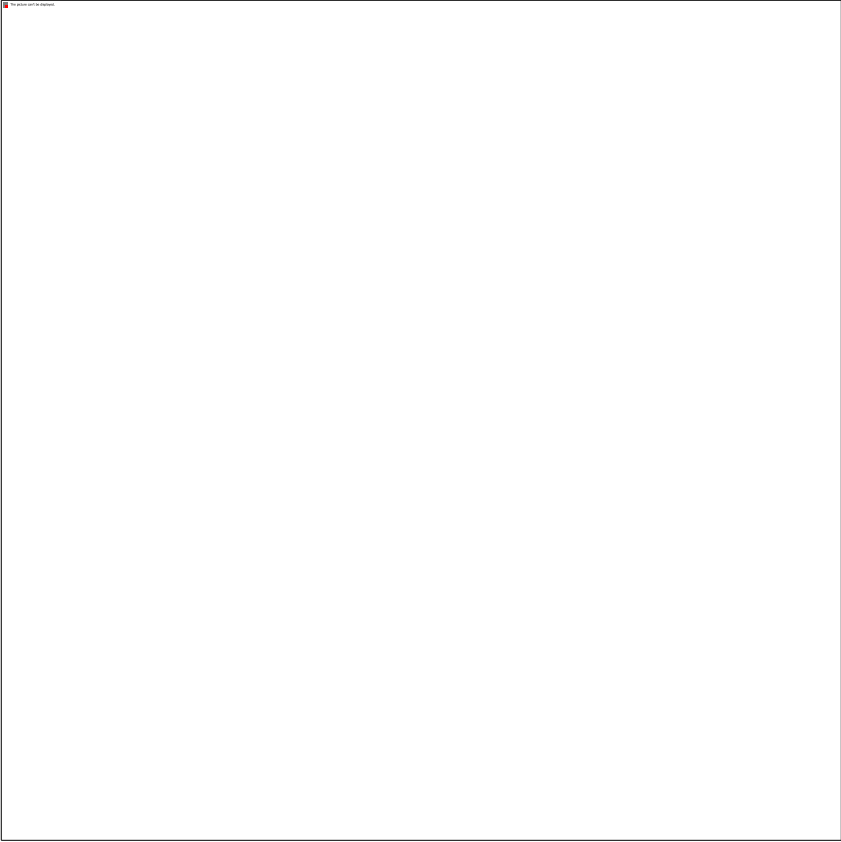
Star 3: 33

Star 2: 72

Star 1: 116

Recommendation

Apply for the remaining Transparency
Star for Contracts & Procurement.



Questions, Comments & Direction
