



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:*

Currently

Proposed

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

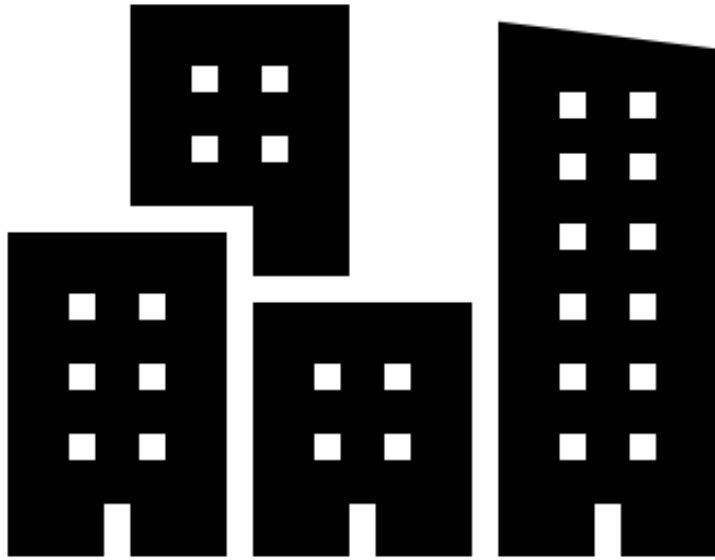
Star 4: 3

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

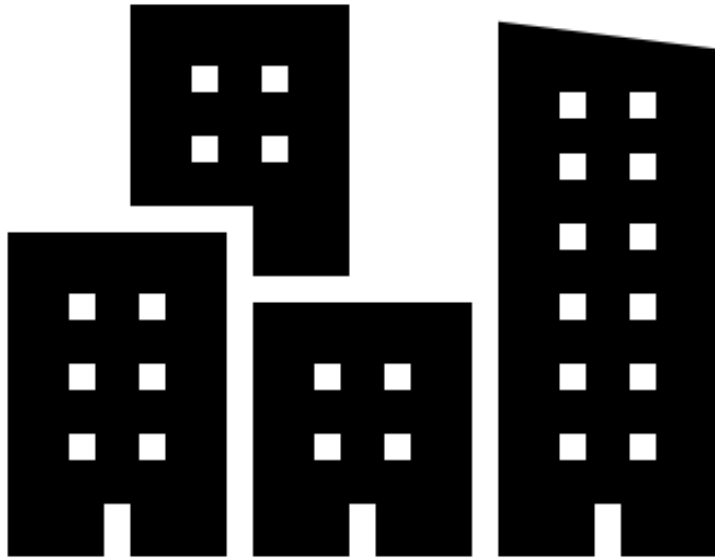
City of
Pearland

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

Apply for the remaining Transparency
Star Program.



Questions, Comments & Direction
