

City of Anna News Release
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City of Anna receives recognition for transparency efforts from Texas Comptroller

The Economic Development Star is the 4th star earned by the city

ANNA, Texas (Dec. 1, 2021) – Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced the City of Anna is the latest local government to achieve specific economic development transparency goals through the Comptroller’s Transparency Stars program. The City of Anna received a Transparency Star in the area of economic development, awarded to entities whose websites inform taxpayers about publicly funded programs and incentives designed to attract industry and investment, create jobs, and otherwise grow the economy.

Transparency Stars recognizes local governments that provide easy online access to important financial data.

“Our Finance Department and Economic Development Corporation have made tremendous efforts in ensuring our community is provided excellent fiscal transparency. This acknowledgment from the Texas Comptroller speaks volumes, and we will continue to add more ways for residents to learn about city activities as we pursue the last remaining Transparency Star offered through the program available to us,” said City Manager Jim Proce.

The Comptroller’s office launched the Transparency Stars program in March 2016 to recognize cities, counties, school districts, and special purpose districts making important strides toward greater government transparency. After receiving a Traditional Finances star, local entities can go on to apply in other areas, for up to five stars:

- Traditional Finances
- Contracts and Procurement
- Economic Development
- Public Pensions
- Debt Obligations

The City of Anna has earned 4 stars through the Transparency Star program. Contracts and Procurement is the remaining star for the city to pursue.

“I want to congratulate the City of Anna for its ongoing work in making its economic development efforts more transparent for taxpayers,” Hegar said. “This effort achieves the goals set by my office’s Transparency Stars program. With this achievement, Anna has taken an important step toward improving access to essential information.”

For more on the program, including specific guidelines and information on applying, visit the Comptroller’s [Transparency Stars website](#).

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About ANNA

Anna, Texas, is among the fastest-growing cities in North Texas with a population of more than 18,000 and expected growth to

100,000 by 2050. Located in northern Collin County along U.S Highway 75, State Highway 5, and State Highway 121, Anna is a vibrant and emerging city that offers its neighbors an excellent quality of life and low cost of living. The combination of Anna's strategic location along busy thoroughfares and the quantity of undeveloped land has positioned the city as an attractive location for retail and commercial establishments. Neighbors enjoy recreational opportunities, parks, trails, open spaces, easy access to the DFW and Red River corridors and a pace of living that offers a hometown feel in a thriving community. To learn more about the City of Anna, visit www.annatexas.gov.

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