

**City of Anna News Release**  
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## **City of Anna Receives Recognition for Transparency Efforts from Texas Comptroller**

*The recognition marks the 5<sup>th</sup> and final transparency star available through the Texas Comptroller program*

ANNA, Texas (Jan. 28, 2022) – The City of Anna is proud to announce that it has received all five transparency stars from the Texas Comptroller’s program that recognizes local government entities that provide easy online access to important financial information data. Anna earned stars in the areas of Traditional Finances, Contracts and Procurement, Economic Development, Public Pensions, and Debt Obligations.

“Our Finance Director Alan Guard made it a mission for the Anna Finance Department to become one of the elite financial agencies in the State of Texas by receiving all five transparency stars from the Texas Comptroller program,” said City Manager Jim Proce. “Out of more than 2,500 eligible agencies, 203 have chased the same goal, and now Anna joins the pack of only 13 other agencies who have achieved the goal. The significance of this achievement is evidenced by our improved bond ratings, investment and financial policies.”

“The Texas Comptroller sets forth some of the most rigorous standards for financial transparency for local governments that I’ve seen,” said Mayor Nate Pike. “I’m proud the team we have in Anna is being recognized for demonstrating the highest level of financial transparency in Texas, and I know they will continue to add more ways our neighbors can learn about city activities and get involved in their government.”

Anna received its final Transparency Star in the area of contracts and procurement, awarded to entities whose websites show a commitment to accountability and transparency in their contracting activities.

“I want to congratulate City of Anna for this achievement and its ongoing efforts to make the contracts and purchasing process more transparent for taxpayers,” Hegar said. “This effort achieves the goals set by our Transparency Stars program. By embracing this effort, the City of Anna has taken an important step toward improving taxpayer access to essential information.”



**Transparency Stars**  
Recognizing Local Transparency Achievements

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. For more on the City of Anna's transparency goals, visit [www.AnnaTexas.gov/Transparency](http://www.AnnaTexas.gov/Transparency).

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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](http://www.annatexas.gov).

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