

Irving Named a Platinum-level Leader in Transparency by Texas Comptroller

City becomes one of first government entities named to the newly-created level

IRVING, TEXAS, *March 28, 2014* — The City of Irving has been awarded a Platinum designation by the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle, the newest and highest designation of transparency granted by the Comptroller's program. The award establishes Irving as a government that exceeds expectations for transparency.

"This award is a testament to the priorities and focus on responsible fiscal management by the City of Irving," said Tom Spink, chairman to Irving's Audit and Finance Committee. "The city is highly committed to ensuring financial transparency with our community. We understand that as stewards of taxpayers' dollars, it is imperative that we provide an open channel for residents to see how the city is managing its money."

Irving is one of 12 municipalities in the state currently designated Platinum. The award recognizes cities that make their financial records available to the public, provide clear information about how they spend tax dollars, and share detailed information in an easy-to-read format.

The city received points in each of the four major criteria categories for having an adopted budget for the current fiscal year, a current annual financial report, a current check/expense register, and a financial transparency webpage or menu. Irving also met several other minor criteria, such as listing its budgets for the past three fiscal years and offering a visual representation of financial data.

The Leadership Circle program was launched in 2009 as a way to recognize local Texas governments that strive to meet the highest standards for financial transparency online. For the past four years, Irving had been recognized by the Comptroller's office at the Gold designation, previously the highest level of recognition offered by the Leadership Circle.

About the City of Irving

Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the Texas Award for Performance Excellence (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 217,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where a number of Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered.

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