

## **NTTA EARNS TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE 2011 AWARD**

*Transparency Steps Earn State's Highest Audit Honor*

**Plano, Texas, Dec. 12, 2011** – The North Texas Tollway Authority has earned the state of Texas' highest honor for its online public access to financial documents. The Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle program has awarded the NTTA a "Gold Circle Award."

The Comptroller of Public Accounts launched the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program in December 2009 to recognize local entities across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online.

The award spotlights:

- Opening financial books to the public
- Providing clear, consistent pictures of spending
- Sharing information in a user-friendly format that allows toll payers easy access for more information.

The Texas Comptroller's office awards its Leadership Circle designees with a certificate reflecting the gold, silver or bronze level. Under its guidelines, the comptroller awards the Gold Circle to, "those entities that are setting the bar with their transparency efforts."

"At the NTTA we strive for complete financial transparency with the public," said NTTA Chief Financial Officer Janice Davis. "We will continue to reach for the highest level of transparency as we fulfill our mission to enhance mobility through innovative tolling solutions."

The NTTA made additions to its website in 2011 that led to the award. An online check register that shows date, payee and amount paid for all Authority expenses can be found on the NTTA's website. The NTTA also added a payroll summary to increase financial transparency. This is in addition to existing information on the website that includes the annual financial report, the past three years of annual budgets and investor service ratings, among other items.

All financial information about the NTTA can be found at  
[www.ntta.org/AboutUs/Investor+Information](http://www.ntta.org/AboutUs/Investor+Information).

### **About the NTTA**

The North Texas Tollway Authority, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the north Texas region. The [NTTA's nine-member board](#) is comprised of Chairman Kenneth Barr; Vice Chairman Bill

Moore; and Directors, David Denison, Kent Cagle, George "Tex" Quesada, , Michael Nowels, Bob Shepard, Victor Vandergriff and Jane Willard.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and is responsible for the NTTA System, consisting of the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge and the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA is also responsible for the NTTA's Special Projects System which consists of the President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension and the Chisholm Trail Parkway. The NTTA is able to raise capital for construction projects through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no direct tax funding. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

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