

NTTA EARNS TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE 2011 AWARD

Transparency Steps Earn State's Highest Audit Honor Again

PLANO, Texas — Nov. 14, 2012 — The North Texas Tollway Authority has again earned the state of Texas' highest honor for online public access to financial documents. The Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle program has awarded the NTTA a "Gold Circle Award."

The award recognizes public entities across Texas that strive to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. Following last year's award, the NTTA added a webpage accounting for all Authority-issued debt. Because of this, an official with the Texas Comptroller's office said they may add the category to award criteria for 2013.

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

"This award reflects the NTTA's commitment to complete financial transparency," said NTTA Chief Financial Officer Janice Davis. "We are gratified that the additional financial information at NTTA.org helped lead the way in this effort."

The Gold Circle award encourages opening financial books to the public; providing clear, consistent pictures of spending; and sharing information in a user-friendly format that allows toll payers easy access to more information.

Information available in the [NTTA Financial/Investor Information](#) includes an online check register that shows date, payee and amount paid for all Authority expenses; a payroll summary; the annual financial report, the three most recent annual budgets; investor service ratings and outstanding debt tables.

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 [nine member board](#) is comprised of Chairman Kenneth Barr; Vice Chairman Bill Moore; and Directors David Denison, William D. Elliott, Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Michael Nowels, George "Tex" Quesada, 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, 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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