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City earns gold from Comptroller's office

THE COLONY, Texas — For the second time in three years, the City of The Colony has received a gold-level Circle Award as part of the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle program. The program recognizes local governments that are striving to meet a high standard for online financial transparency.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts launched the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program in 2009 in order to spotlight local governments that are: opening their books to the public; providing clear, consistent pictures of spending; and sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information.

The Colony Finance Director David Cranford said the city has participated in the program since 2011, earning a gold award that first year. In 2012, the city received silver.

At The Colony City Council meeting on June 4, Mayor Joe McCourry gave credit to the finance department for all the work it takes to ensure a wide variety of necessary information is posted and made easily available to the city's residents.

The Leadership Circle program purports that financial transparency is an ongoing goal for any government entity. The program encourages and applauds local governments across Texas that are stepping up efforts to give taxpayers a transparent look at where their money goes.

Leadership Circle designees are given a certificate reflecting their Circle Award level:

- Gold highlights those entities that are setting the bar with their transparency efforts;
- Silver encourages those who are making progress; and,
- Bronze inspires those who are just beginning their transparency efforts.

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