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City of Kyle Web Site Receives Gold Award from Texas Comptroller

Kyle, TX – For the third consecutive year, the City of Kyle has received a GOLD Leadership Circle Award from the Texas Comptroller's office for exceeding government transparency standards set by the state agency.

"Government transparency is a key component for effective leadership by elected officials and city management," said Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson. "Our web site is the perfect tool for allowing the public to easily have access as to the activities of their government, including being able to see how every penny of their tax dollars are being spent. Receiving this award for three consecutive years is testament to our commitment to making our government as transparent as possible."

The Comptroller's office Leadership Circle recognizes local governments that have either taken their first steps toward, made strides to meet, or have exceeded transparency standards. The three award levels are:

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

The program was renewed in 2011 and the criteria for the awards were improved. The main criteria for the awards include having the city's budget, audit, and check register available online. Other minor criteria involve local government and council contact info, public information requests, easy access to documents, and other financial information.

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The City of Kyle was recognized of having the City's budget, check register, and financial performance reports online. Additionally, the City has previous year's financial audits, contact information for city council members and key staff, municipal codes, and past city council meeting agendas and minutes available from the web site.

More information about the program is available by visiting the Texas Comptroller's web site below:

http://www.texastransparency.org/local/leadership.php

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