

NEWS RELEASE: 2011 CLIDE Awards Winners Announced

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The North Central Texas Council of Governments recognized sixteen projects with Leadership Awards in the Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Program at their General Assembly on June 17, 2011.

A record 40 applicants competed for a CLIDE Leadership Award. A prestigious jury identified sixteen projects to receive leadership awards. These awards are bestowed on endeavors that exemplify one or more of the "Principles of Development Excellence" and serve as examples of quality development practices in North Central Texas. The winners were recognized in the following categories:

New Development

Midtowne: A Sustainable Community in Midlothian –Options Real Estate and the City of Midlothian

Redevelopment

Downtown Redevelopment & Oak Street Reconstruction –City of Roanoke

Vitruvian Park –UDR and the Town of Addison

Grand Prairie Downtown/Main St. Redevelopment Plan –City of Grand Prairie and Killis Almond & Associates;

City of DeSoto TownCenter Redevelopment –City of DeSoto; Trammell Crow Company's Highstreet Residential and JHP Architecture/Urban Design

Raising Public Awareness

The Citizen's Guide to Stormwater Pollution Prevention –City of Arlington

Environmental Education Center –City of Plano

Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas –Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas

The Better Block Project –BetterBlock.org; Go Oak Cliff; Dallas City Council; and Andrew Howard Transportation Planning

Public Planning and Policy

Lebow Channel Watershed Improvements Program –City of Fort Worth and Teague, Nall and Perkins, Inc.

Vickery Meadow Improvement District: future redevelopment study –Vickery Meadow Improvement District and JHP Architecture/Urban Design

Near Southside Development Standards and Guidelines –Fort Worth South, Inc., and the City of Fort Worth

Bush Turnpike TOD District –City of Richardson

Denton Downtown Implementation Plan (DTIP) –Jacobs and the City of Denton

Dallas City Design: Urban Structure and Guidelines – City of Dallas CityDesign Studio

Trinity River Vision Neighborhood and Recreation Enhancement Plan –Tarrant Regional Water District

The CLIDE Awards Program was established in 2003 by the Center of Development Excellence to celebrate regional excellence.

What is NCTCOG?

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of local governments (counties, cities, school districts, special districts) established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and recognizing regional opportunities for improving the quality of life for the citizens of North Central Texas.

In NCTCOG's structure, each member government appoints a voting representative from its governing body. These voting representatives make up the "general assembly" which annually elects the Executive Board, NCTCOG's 13-member policy approval body. The Board is supported by policy development, technical advisory, and study committees as well as a professional staff managed by the chief executive officer, Mike Eastland, Executive Director.

NCTCOG provides technical assistance, planning, training, demographic and economic data, and special services in the functional areas of environmental resources, human services, and transportation, and operates a regional training center, which offers both police and local government professional development training.

North Central Texas is a dynamic 16-county region centered around the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. The area of the region is approximately 12,800 square miles, (which is larger than nine states in the United States), and the population of the region is approximately 6.5 million. Currently, NCTCOG has 240 member local governments including all 16 counties, 169 cities, 24 school districts, and 31 special districts.