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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS earns national achievement award for CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON – TRAVIS COUNTY’S CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized the **Contract Compliance Program**, a program operating within the County’s Purchasing Office, in the County Administration and Management category for its commitment to improving vendor performance and accountability and reducing contract compliance issues, objectives designed to ensure prudent stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The Program also administers the Travis County Better Builder Program, dedicated to monitoring and enforcing worker protections on County construction projects.

The Contract Compliance Program is a comprehensive contract compliance program whose primary purpose is to maximize the value of County contracts by closely monitoring vendor performance and vigorously enforcing contractual rights. The Program aims to improve vendor accountability, enhance transparency, and reduce contract compliance issues by using a variety of tools to obtain qualitative data about vendor performance and compliance issues. Collection of this data allows Program staff to develop relevant performance metrics and monitoring protocols and craft issue-specific corrective action plans to address compliance issues. The Travis County Better Builder Program, the Program’s first major initiative, is an innovative program designed to help protect the health, safety, and welfare of construction workers and to maximize opportunities for their participation in County growth. Through jobsite monitoring, worker interviews, and wage and safety verification procedures, the Better Builder Program aims to ensure that construction in Travis County is performed by “high-road” contractors who value worker safety and commit to payment of fair wages.

Program Director Tenley Aldredge expressed elation upon learning of her Program’s award: “What a tremendous honor and privilege it is for this Program, the Purchasing Office, and Travis County as a whole. I know I speak for my entire team in saying we are hopeful other counties are inspired to create similar programs as all of us in county government continue to serve our customers and the taxpaying public – particularly the most vulnerable constituents among us, including construction workers – efficiently and safely in this challenging environment.”

NACo President Mary Ann Borgeson said, “We are seeing firsthand now more than ever that counties work tirelessly to support our residents. This year’s Achievement Award-winning programs showcase how counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America.”

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

Started in 1970, NACo’s annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America’s 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public’s understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service. Learn more at www.naco.org

