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**Press Release  
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**Cameron County Judge accepts the “Texas Comptroller Gold Leadership Circle” award**

Brownsville, TX – The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has bestowed the “Texas Comptroller Gold Leadership Circle” award designation to Cameron County for an exceptional job for setting the bar for financial transparency with the public. This designation is a first for Cameron County.

The Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program exists to recognize local governmental entities in Texas that make every effort to provide financial transparency online. The Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle recognizes those governmental entities that: open their books to the public, provide clear and consistent pictures of spending and sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information.

Cameron County received a Leadership Circle Award Certificate and will receive a digital seal that will be posted on the County’s website. Cameron County is now recognized on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts website <http://www.texasransparency.org/local/leadership.php> and will be sighted in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts publications.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs presented the award to Cameron County Judge Carlos H. Cascos on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. Judge Cascos stated: “Since being elected, not only have we made meetings more accessible to the public by moving them from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, but we have made the County’s financials and other information readily available online to promote transparency and openness of County government.”

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August 13, 2010

The Honorable Carlos Cascos  
County Judge  
Cameron County  
1100 E. Monroe St., 2nd Floor  
Brownsville, Texas 78520-5883

Dear Judge Cascos:

I am pleased to inform you that Cameron County has earned a Gold Leadership Circle Award. Your application scored 13 points of 15 possible on our ratings criteria to earn this award.

Your listing on our "Texas Transparency" website now displays the Gold seal to indicate that you have received this award. Enclosed is your copy of a Leadership Circle Award Certificate. You will also receive a digital seal that you may post on your website.

Congratulations on your success in moving forward on financial transparency and joining our Leadership Circle.

Sincerely,



Susan Combs

Enclosure





# Texas Comptroller Gold Leadership Circle

This gold award recognizes **Cameron County** for setting the bar for financial transparency and opening your books to the public. The Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle program recognizes local governments across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. By providing citizens with a clear, consistent picture of spending and sharing information in a user-friendly format, you are setting a strong example for other governmental entities to follow.

August 11, 2010

Handwritten signature of Susan Combs

Susan Combs  
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts