



## Update on NCTCOG Center of Development Excellence



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DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE**  
*for the future of North Central Texas*

The Center of Development Excellence, a program of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, is undergoing some exciting changes. Over the next few months the Center of Development Excellence Program, and the existing website, will be undergoing updates to provide more relevant content and value to our member governments and other stakeholders. NCTCOG will be issuing a regional survey in early January, to solicit input from our region on what type of technical resources, trainings, meeting forums, and regional tools would be of most interest and benefit to local governments and other interested parties related to planning and development topics.

Should you want to ensure you receive future communication from NCTCOG related to the Center of Development Excellence and the CLIDE awards, please click <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/mail>, scroll to the bottom under Development Excellence, and click "Center of Development Excellence" to sign up on our new list.

Visit the Center of Development Excellence website beginning January 9th to access the regional survey and tell us what you think!

## NCTCOG to Provide Online Input Opportunity

NCTCOG will pursue online comments on the proposed modifications to the FY2018 and FY2018 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) for regional transportation planning.

Information will be posted at [www.nctcog.org/input](http://www.nctcog.org/input) January 14- February 12. For printed copies of the information, call 817-608-2365 or email [cbaylor@nctcog.org](mailto:cbaylor@nctcog.org).

The UPWP provides an overview of transportation and air quality planning tasks to be implemented by the metropolitan planning organization.

Additional resources and information about how North Texans can apply for vehicle assistance through the AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program and whether your vehicle is eligible for up to \$3,500, visit [www.airchecktexas.org](http://www.airchecktexas.org) or call 800-898-9103.

# Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Award Application Launching February 4, 2019



The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Center of Development Excellence will be launching the CLIDE Award Application period on February 4, 2019. The Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards Program was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices that will help accommodate this expected growth and ensure a sustainable North Texas for generations to come. The CLIDE Awards Program does this by recognizing private and public development programs and projects that exemplify the **Principles of Development Excellence**.

## Award Categories

All five categories are open to all eligible entities, organizations, and individuals, including both public and private sector entities.

- **New Development:** Recognizes developments that are constructed on previously undeveloped sites and that successfully exemplify many of the Principles of Development Excellence.
- **Redevelopment:** Recognizes those developments that reuse and/or rebuild existing structures, and that successfully exemplify many of the Principles of Development Excellence.
- **Special Development:** Recognizes projects that exemplify only a limited number (one or two) of the Principles of Development Excellence, but which are outstanding in their promotion of those selected principles. Projects that exemplify the Environmental Stewardship principle may be highlighted here. Examples include but are not limited to a sustainable infrastructure project, an energy conservation initiative, an open space or trail project, or a stormwater best management practice (BMP) such as low-impact development (LID).
- **Raising Public Awareness:** Recognizes an organization and/or individual for educating the public or raising awareness of development excellence. Submittals may include but are not limited to:
  - A media outlet in the North Central Texas region for a story or series;
  - An organization or a local government for a public education campaign.
- **Public Policy and Planning:** Recognizes a local government or private/public partnership for implementing a program or policy that facilitates and promotes various aspects of the Principles of Development Excellence. Submittals may include but are not limited to:
  - Adopted policies, programs, ordinances, and guidelines (mixed use, open space, natural features protection, public space, historic preservation, design standards, or incentives) that can include a public/private initiative;
  - Comprehensive, neighborhood, area, or strategic plans.

A jury of nationally recognized experts will be convened in April 2019 to select CLIDE Award recipients from the eligible applications. The awards will be presented on June 14, 2019, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments' General Assembly, which will be held at the Hurst Conference Center in Hurst, Texas.

Visit [www.developmentexcellence.com](http://www.developmentexcellence.com) for more information and to access the application on February 4, 2019.

## Alternative Fuel Corridors Update: Round 3 Nominations

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has opened the next round of alternative fuel corridor nominations. The request for nominations enables various stakeholders, such as state and local governments, to provide meaningful feedback on how to improve the mobility of passenger and commercial vehicles powered by alternative fuels and electric charging.

This is the third consecutive year that the FHWA is soliciting corridor nominations from states. The current Request for Nominations, Round 3, was issued in October. As was done in the previous two solicitation rounds, NCTCOG obtained approval from the Regional Transportation Council for this year's corridor recommendations to the Texas Department of Transportation. Below is a table that summarizes the corridors that will be included in the current submittal to TxDOT:

Corridor	Segment	Fuel(s)
IH 635	Metro Loop	CNG, Propane, Electric
IH 820	Metro Loop	CNG, Propane, Electric
US 67	Cleburne to IH 20	CNG
US 287	Ennis to Amarillo	CNG, Propane, Electric
US 380	Near Greenville to Denton	CNG, Propane, Electric

## Final Plan for VW Settlement Funds Released

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality released the final Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for Texas in November 16. Under this plan, Dallas Fort Worth will receive approximately \$33.4 million of Texas' \$209 million share of the Volkswagen settlement.

The funding will be used for projects to replace or repower diesel vehicles and equipment. TCEQ will administer the funding in Texas.

Notable updates from the draft plan to the final plan include:

- Increased funding allocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth area
- Increased transparency on the TCEQ's funding methodology
- Increased maximum reimbursement percentages for government-owned projects from 60 percent to 80 percent
- Decreased maximum reimbursement percentages for nongovernment-owned electric projects from 60 percent to 50 percent.

The settlement resulted from a 2016 court decision that the auto manufacturer violated the Clean Air Act by selling vehicles that "tricked" emissions tests.

The plan is available at [www.TexasVWFund.org](http://www.TexasVWFund.org).

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