

## **North Central Texas Council of Governments Bestows Award at 51st Annual Meeting**

At the 51st annual meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) on Friday, June 16, an important regional award was presented.

### **REGIONAL COOPERATION**

**AWARD.** Created in 1996, this award jointly recognizes two or more local governments for outstanding acts of cooperation. The award honors local governments that promote coordination and cooperation to solve regional problems, who do not allow jurisdictional boundaries to be barriers to solutions to those problems, and who demonstrate that joint projects often can provide better use of resources as well as high quality service.



**The cities of Anna, Howe, Melissa and Van Alstyne** received this year's Regional Cooperation Award. These cities truly represented the concept of reaching across jurisdictional boundaries as they reached across two state planning regions to form a municipal alliance to find cooperative programs to enhance both the individual cities and their sub-regional areas and to accomplish projects that were practically impossible and unfundable for any one city alone. Jointly, the cities planned and develop a dependable, surface water supply system, where they had been generally dependent on ground water with diminishing well capacity. The cost savings are difficult to even measure. Absent a dependable water supply, the growth and quality of growth experienced would not be possible. The cities were nominated by Don Paschal, Facilitator for Collin-Grayson Municipal Alliance.

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### **About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:**

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 240 member governments including 16 counties, 170 cities, 24 school districts and 30 special districts.