



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 1/14/14

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Leslie Browder, 854-9106 *LB*

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge *SB*

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Discuss and take appropriate action on an award for "Business of the Year" presented by the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Blind Services Division to Travis County.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Backup Memorandum recounting the reasons for the award being presented is attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Receive and accept the award for "Business of the Year" on behalf of Travis County as presented.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

William Paterson, Risk Manager, HRMD, 854-9650

Debbie Maynor, HRMD, 854-9170

Leslie Browder, County Executive - PBO, 854-9106

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a single pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



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Memorandum

January 3, 2014

To: Commissioners Court

From: William Paterson A.R.M., Risk Manager
John Brady, Risk/Safety Specialist Sr.

Re: Business of the Year Award

Each year, the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Blind Services Division recognizes employers large and small who actively recruit, retain, hire, train, and otherwise promote the employment of people who are blind or visually impaired. There are two categories of awards:

Business of the Year Award and Business Partner Certificate.

The DARS Division for Blind Services Business of the Year Award promotes and recognizes Texas businesses that demonstrate a commitment to the employment of people who are blind or visually impaired.

The Business Partner Certificate recognizes Texas businesses that actively support the DBS Mission to work in partnership with Texans who are blind or visually impaired to reach their employment goals.

Travis County has been awarded the Business of the Year Award. The award is in recognition of the services and accommodations Travis County endeavors to provide for our employees with a disability. John Brady, Risk/Safety Specialist, has developed a close working relationship with DARS allowing Travis County to implement the most beneficial and cost effective accommodations for our visually impaired employees and employee candidates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Paterson".

William F Paterson ARM
Risk Manager
John Brady, Risk Safety/Specialist Sr.