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To the judges for the 2014-2015 Texas AP Broadcasters (TAPB)/Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas (FOIFT) Award:

Thank you for considering WTAW's entry for the 2014-15 TAPB/FOIFT award.

This application is based on the entry definition of "good coverage of issues (i.e. a series on information to which the public has access)".

WTAW's entry focuses on the breadth and depth of our coverage of College Station city government.

The impact of our work is explained in the second exhibit, submitted by College Station's Communications Director, who held my current position 15 years ago.

I produced the stories as the beat reporter and the interviews were conducted by Scott Delucia, who has hosted WTAW's morning show since 1988.

It should also be noted I moved to College Station in April 2010 and in less than five years have built strong relationships with city officials, both elected and hired.

The philosophy WTAW has with the City of College Station is also demonstrated in our relationships with the City of Bryan, the College Station and Bryan public school districts, and our Congressman.

On-air and online examples with both cities, both school districts, and the Congressman are included in the remaining exhibits.

Thanks again for your consideration.

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