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Brazos River Authority Earns National Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award

Waco, Texas — July 9, 2026 -- The Brazos River Authority (BRA) has earned the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) Award from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI), marking a historic achievement as the first time the BRA has earned this prestigious national recognition. Earning this award reflects the collective commitment of the BRA Board of Directors, management, and employees to transparency, accountability, responsible stewardship, and continuous improvement.

“Recognition by the NPI with the awarding of the Excellence in Procurement Award reflects years of work to strengthen and modernize procurement practices in support of the BRA’s mission for the communities of the Brazos River Basin,” said David Collinsworth, BRA General Manager/CEO. “We are proud that our Purchasing Team has been recognized for upholding the organization’s mission with integrity and transparency.”

The honor is presented annually to recognize public and nonprofit organizations that demonstrate excellence in innovation, leadership, professionalism, productivity, and e-procurement practices. In 2026, 251 agencies across the United States and Canada earned this distinction, with the BRA among 42 other first-time recipients. In its first year applying for the award, the BRA was also the only Texas river authority to earn the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award.

The Brazos River Authority remains committed to advancing procurement practices that reflect integrity, transparency and responsible stewardship while delivering the best value in support of its mission to develop, manage and protect the water resources of the Brazos River Basin.



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About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the BRA's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties, extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of America near Freeport.

The BRA built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the BRA contracts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The BRA operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto. The BRA operates a potable water treatment plant

serving the city of Leander and owns and operates a regional system, the East Williamson County Regional Water System, for the City of Taylor.

The organization engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin. As a member of the Texas Clean Rivers Program, the BRA samples and tests water from more than 100 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer, at 254-761-3103.