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Bexar County snags two Best of Texas Awards for IT innovation

Bexar County is among the winners of the 2014 Best of Texas Awards presented by e.Republic's Center for Digital Government during an Awards Reception at the annual Texas Digital Government Summit in Austin.

In its 13th year, the Best of Texas Awards program recognizes public-sector professionals and local government organizations for their dedication and contributions to advance information technology in Texas.

Bexar County was recognized for BiblioTech, a bookless public library with 600 e-readers that patrons can use to access digital content from the cloud. The BiblioTech won best IT collaboration for bringing multiple public- and private-sector parties together to work on the technology infrastructure.

The Bexar County Active Felony Warrants GIS Application also secured an award in the Best In-House Developed Application Category. This application allows law enforcement to track and arrest those individuals with active felony warrants in a more effective and efficient manner.

"We are so happy to have been recognized for Bexar County's achievements. As our community becomes more technologically savvy, Bexar County must as well. Through our innovative staff and the resources provided by our County Manager as well as Bexar County Commissioners Court, we have been able to stay at the forefront of emerging technology" states Cathy Maras, Chief Information Officer for Bexar County.

Winners are selected based on a number of criteria, including collaboration among agencies, innovative use of technology, economic benefits and improving public services and business processes.

"Congratulations to this year's Best of Texas Award winners! We are honored to recognize these outstanding recipients for their achievements," said Todd Sander, executive director of the Center for Digital Government. "They are effectively using new technologies including mobile apps, real-time analytics, and processes with increased accuracy and security to streamline operations and enhance services for the public."

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