



TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD PRESENTS  
2011 TEXAS RAIN CATCHER AWARD

AUSTIN – (March 1, 2012) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today presented the 2011 Texas Rain Catcher Award to Denton County for their remarkable efforts at conserving water through rainwater harvesting. They were the winner in the government category of the annual competition.

The Denton County Administrative Complex is the first of three phases of a County Master Plan to develop a 38-acre site to consolidate the administrative and functional space for several county departments. Denton County planned the development with the goal of achieving a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver rating for all three phases, the first of which focuses on water. One of the primary features of the water phase was a rainwater harvesting system. Rainwater running off the metal roof flows into a perimeter gutter system that discharges into four 10,000-gallon cisterns located at the corners of the building. The water is used to irrigate the native plants and vegetation at the site.

Other winners of the 2011 Texas Rain Catcher Award are the Native American Seed Company in Junction (commercial/industrial category); Hacienda Maria in Junction (residential category); and the Hays Consolidated Independent School District in Kyle and Stroman Middle School in Victoria (educational category).

On July 16, 2007, the TWDB authorized the Executive Administrator to establish and implement the Texas Rain Catcher Award competition and recognition program. The program was established as an additional means of promoting rainwater harvesting in the state, educating the public on the benefits and advantages of rainwater harvesting, and recognizing individuals and entities dedicated to the cause of managing this precious natural resource.

Since the start of the program, the TWDB has recognized 18 individuals or entities. The winners have demonstrated exceptional efforts at conserving water through rainwater harvesting and educating the public about this important conservation measure.

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For more information about the winners, as well as more information on rainwater harvesting, please visit <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/rainwater/>.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.