

# INTERN SUCCESS STORY



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**The Texas Comptroller's office treated me like a professional.**

I was uncertain of my professional career after graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems in 2022. My undergraduate work experience was limited to bagging groceries and fast-food service. I needed a career breakthrough. A friend of mine recommended that I apply for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Summer Internship Program in 2023. I had never heard of the Comptroller's office, but I was eager to learn. I was offered my first professional role as the Data Management, Analytics, and Technology Intern with the Statewide Procurement Division (SPD). I knew that I belonged at the Comptroller's office the moment I entered the LBJ office building. My team lead shook my hand and respectfully welcomed me to my first full-time position.

**It is a safe space to ask questions and share ideas.**

The State of Texas Procurement and Contract Management Guide detailed the intricate public procurement processes used by SPD at the Comptroller's office. I attended SPD's training programs and earned two certifications: Certified Texas Contract Manager and Certified Texas Contract Developer. I put my new procurement skills to use by collaborating with SPD's Contract Development and Contract Management teams on a variety of procurement projects. I learned about the necessary purchases that sustain major customer agencies such as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I had a lot of questions about SPD's organizational processes and their variety of acronyms, but the team always

embraced my questions with enthusiasm. Their fruitful explanations and resources helped me discover what SPD does for the state of Texas and why they do it.

**The leaders are inspiring.**



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The Comptroller's office is packed with talented and inspiring leadership. My interning group had the opportunity to meet with the executive leadership team, and even the Comptroller himself, Glenn Hegar. Their stories inspired me to always seek knowledge, compassion, and integrity as I continue to develop my professional skill set. They even invited us to share our unique experiences by hosting an intern speaking event. I was nervous, but their friendly demeanors filled the room with a sense of comfort.

**I was not ready to say goodbye to the community or the wonderful work-life balance.**

I proudly accepted a full-time position as a Contract Specialist with the Statewide Procurement Division after my internship expired. The tenacious workforce and work-life balance at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts motivated me in ways that surpass economics or procurement. Additionally, the Summer Internship Program nurtured my newfound interest in contract law. I thought my passions were in the realm of computer science, but I uncovered different possibilities for my future. Without this internship, I would not be taking the necessary steps to pursue a Juris Doctorate degree today.