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Kenneth M. Wilkinson
Property Appraiser
Lee County Property Appraiser's Office
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Fort Myers, FL 33902

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that your office has earned the prestigious IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration Award.

Earning the IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration is a rigorous and challenging task. The purpose of the IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration is to recognize those governmental units utilizing best appraisal and assessment practices throughout their offices including a strong emphasis on teamwork, accomplishments, and a high level of satisfaction among peers, staff, and constituents. The IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration is intended for jurisdictions that have developed superior assessment practices for all aspects of their operations.

We wish to congratulate you and your staff on achieving this level of excellence and commend you on your hard work and dedication. Your commitment has earned you the IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the world's premier property appraisal and assessment administration organization. By doing so, you have met all the requirements contained in the *Assessment Practices Self-Evaluation Guide*.

We hope you will be able to attend the 74th Annual International Conference in Reno, Nevada, September 7-10, 2008, in order to be recognized by your peers. Attendees from Lee County, Florida will receive a name badge ribbon for the Excellence in Assessment Administration Award and a formal recognition will take place at the Wednesday evening Awards Gala and Closing Banquet.

Congratulations and best regards,

Guy E. Griscom, CAE
IAAO President

CC: Gary McCabe, CAE, Research Committee Chair

Press Release

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International Association of Assessing Officers Announces Lee County, FL Property Appraiser's Office Earns Outstanding Recognition

(Kansas City, Missouri) - The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) is pleased to announce that the Lee County Property Appraiser's Office, has earned the **IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration**. IAAO recognizes governmental units and individuals involved with assessment that integrate best practices in the workplace. This challenging and rigorous program is a self-conducted evaluation of specific, accepted, assessment administration and appraisal practices as defined in the IAAO publication *Assessment Practices: Self-Evaluation Guide*.

The Lee County Property Appraiser's Office has met or exceeded IAAO defined criteria for best practices in the workplace. They will be recognized in September at the International Conference on Assessment Administration as just the fourth applicant to successfully fulfill all the requirements necessary to demonstrate excellence in assessment administration.

Lee County Property Appraiser, Kenneth Wilkinson, said, "there is no greater compliment than to be judged by your peers for such a prestigious honor. The credit goes to our staff and I accept this honor on their behalf."

About IAAO

The mission of International Association of Assessing Officers is to promote innovation and excellence in property appraisal, assessment administration, and property tax policy through professional development, education, research, and technical assistance.

IAAO is a nonprofit, educational and research association. It is a professional membership organization of government assessment officials and others interested in the administration of the property tax. The association was founded in 1934, and now has a membership of more than 8,000 members worldwide from governmental, business, and academic communities.

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