



May 23, 2013 – The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) is pleased to announce that the Carteret County Property Appraiser’s Office has received the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration. **Including Carteret County, only 24 jurisdictions in the world have received this certificate.**

IAAO’s Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration 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*.

Through this study, Carteret County demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the assessment and appraisal disciplines to both our constituents and our peers. In addition, the process of preparing the required materials for the Certificate served as a learning process, defining our strengths and providing opportunities for improvement.

Recognition from the IAAO through a Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration is the highest professional honor an assessment jurisdiction can obtain.

Carl Tilghman, Tax Administrator said it best: “I have always known that we have a competent and effective appraisal staff and we do perform excellent work for our citizens in a very volatile real estate market. I wanted them to get the recognition they deserved. What I did not realize was the tremendous educational benefit our staff received from research and analysis required to complete the award application. God has blessed our county with some truly dedicated and talented people to provide this vital public service.”