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Linn County (IA) County Assessor's Office Received the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the International Association of Assessing Officers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) is pleased to announce that the Linn County (IA) Assessor's Office has received the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEAA).

IAAO's Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration recognizes governmental units that adhere to accepted standards and integrate best practices in the workplace. This challenging and rigorous program is a self-conducted, peer-reviewed evaluation of adherence to specific, accepted assessment administration and appraisal standards as defined in the IAAO publication *Assessment Practices: Self-Evaluation Guide*.

This certification was awarded to the Linn County office in September at the IAAO Annual Conference in Chicago. Linn County becomes the first office in Iowa to earn the CEAA. Their submission was part of an effort to develop and enact a strategic plan, create a positive culture, and change the way local government is perceived and operates.

"This is an award for the entire office and something we can all be proud of," said Assessor Jerry Witt, AAS, RES. "Creating a positive culture is very important to us and I could not see this happening without it. There is also a great deal of mistrust of government right now. This award can be a step in the right direction of getting trust."

IAAO is the leading nonprofit, educational and research association for individuals in the assessment profession and others with an interest in property valuation and taxation. IAAO's mission is to promote innovation and excellence in property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy through professional development, education, research, and technical assistance. IAAO currently serves more than 7,600 members worldwide.

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