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**ORANGE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE
PRESENTED WITH ESTEEMED AWARDS**

Orlando, FL – Continuing a tradition of excellence, four employees of the Orange County Property Appraiser's office (OCPA) recently received the **Florida Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers (FCIAAO) Tony Hodge Award**.

This award is bestowed upon FCIAAO members who earn their International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Professional Designation. The IAAO Professional Designation Program (PDP) confers five internationally-recognized professional designations that include Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE) and Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES).

The four members of the office who received the IAAO's Tony Hodge Award are:

Camille Smith, Commercial RE Assessment Director, CAE, RES

Ana Arroyo, Commercial RE Assessment Manager, CAE

Fred Hill, Residential RE Appraiser Analyst, RES

Ron Sullivan, Residential RE Appraiser Analyst, RES

During the FCIAAO conference, 26 awards were issued, and the Orange County Property Appraiser's office received five of them. "Earning designations through the IAAO is a gratifying and rewarding experience. During the process, members gain knowledge and experience that is valuable to their careers and professional development as earning an IAAO designation signifies exceptional competence," Orange County Property Appraiser Rick Singh said.

Recipients of the Tony Hodge Award are given a financial reward and recognized by the organization during the FCIAAO. "The educational requirements to obtain these designations are arduous, and if you pass the final exam to attain them, it demonstrates excellence in appraisals," Senior IAAO instructor and OCPA Director of Real Estate Residential Assessment, Terry Taylor said.

Earning IAAO designations allows the property appraiser's office to better serve taxpayers. Since taking office in 2013, Orange County Property Appraiser Rick Singh has placed an emphasis on professional development for employees of the agency. Through his leadership, appraisers in the office have valued more than \$905 billion in property, and managed a tax roll worth \$186.3 billion.

The Orange County Property Appraiser's office provides a fair and equitable tax roll, remarkable service and superior professionalism. We also assist taxpayers with applying for homestead and other exemptions, as well as understanding their Truth-In-Millage Notices (TRIM) that are released each year in August.

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