



## FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

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# Auditor's Office becomes first in Ohio to win top appraisal honor

*Only 35 other assessment jurisdictions in the nation have earned this distinction*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (**August 9, 2017**) – The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) today awarded the Franklin County Auditor's Office with its Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEAA), the highest professional honor an assessment jurisdiction can obtain.

Franklin County becomes the first county in Ohio to attain this prestigious accolade and is one of just 36 counties or cities in the United States to now own this certificate. There are 88 counties in Ohio and more than 3,500 such assessment jurisdictions in the United States.

“The IAAO wishes to congratulate the Franklin County Auditor's Office for their achievement in being recognized with the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration,” said Randy Ripperger, IAAO president. “This certificate recognizes best practices and commitment to standards in the assessment industry.”

Jurisdictions that earn this designation demonstrate a high level of proficiency in the assessment and appraisal disciplines to both their constituents and their peers. The Franklin County Auditor's Office began the application process for the CEAA distinction in March 2016.

“Property owners in Franklin County should have full confidence that we are utilizing only the best, most sound standards in appraisal,” said Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo. “Our staff is the best in the state and we will continue to offer residents the finest in public service.”

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 development, education, research, and technical assistance.

The Franklin County Auditor's Office is in the midst of completing its 2017 Reappraisal of the nearly 430,000 parcels of property in the county. All property owners will receive their new tentative property values later this month.

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