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Assessor Keith Russell's Office wins two awards

Phoenix --- Maricopa County Assessor Keith Russell's Office received one state and one international award last week.

The Assessor's Geodetic Densification and Cadastral Survey (GDACS) parcel adjustment project team was recognized for the "2008 Survey Project of the Year" award at the 7th Annual Arizona Professional Land Surveyor's Association Awards Ceremony in Flagstaff, Arizona on September 11, and the International Association of Assessing Officers recognized the Arizona Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers as the "2009 Chapter of the Year" at the 75th annual international conference on assessment administration in Louisville, Kentucky on September 9, 2009.

The purpose of the GDACS project was to adjust the County's 18 foundational GIS datasets consisting of over 1.5 million tax parcels to align with the County's new data standards and available aerial photography. The Assessor's parcel data is widely used as a base map by other County departments, Cities, other government agencies, engineering and land planning companies, land developers, real estate professionals, and the general public. The Assessor's project came in under budget and was completed on-time. The County partnered with Smart Data Strategies, Inc. and Engineering Mapping Solutions (EMS).

The Arizona Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers is a statewide organization, but is composed mainly of assessment professionals within the Maricopa County Assessor's Office. The Chapter had the following successes this past year that led to the recognition from the parent organization:

- (1) Awarded IAAO's International Conference for 2011 to be held in Phoenix on September 18-21, 2011;
- (2) Held seven IAAO classes that brought students from all over the US to Arizona;
- (3) Established its renewed commitment for membership continuing education;
- (4) Professionally redesigned ACIAAO newsletter;
- (5) Re-wrote ACIAAO Bylaws;
- (6) Reinstated the Bruce Beylon Memorial Scholarship Fund; and,
- (7) Created, planned, and supervised the 2008 Property Tax Conference in Flagstaff in October 2008.

