Smith County Appraisal District 2017 Annual Report

Introduction

Texas Property Tax Code and the Rules of the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division govern the operations of the appraisal district.

Mission

Our mission is to provide uniform, fair, and equitable appraisals of all real and personal property and to provide information and assistance to the public in a professional and courteous manner.

This will be accomplished by administering the laws under the property tax system and operating under the standards of:

- The Property Tax Assistance Division of the Texas State Comptroller's Office (PTAD)
- The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO)
- The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)

Governance

The appraisal district is governed by a Board of Directors whose primary responsibilities include the following:

- Establish the district's office
- Appoint the Chief Appraiser
- Approve the district's budget annually
- Contract for necessary services
- Provide advice and consent to the Chief Appraiser concerning the appointment of an Agricultural Advisory Board
- Approve contracts with appraisal firms to perform appraisal services for the district
- Other statutory duties

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date of appointment. Members of the Board of Directors will serve two-year terms beginning in January of even-numbered years.

The Chief Appraiser is the chief administrator of the appraisal district and is appointed by the board of directors. The Chief Appraiser must be certified (or actively working toward certification) as a Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA) through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Appraisal Review Board members are appointed by the local administrative district judge of Smith County. To serve on the ARB, an individual must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years. The Smith County Appraisal Review Board (ARB) is responsible by statute for the hearing and determination of taxpayer protests and taxing entity challenges.

Agricultural Advisory Board members are appointed by the Board of Directors at the recommendation of the Chief Appraiser to aid the district in determining typical practices and standards for agricultural activities in the district.

Taxing Jurisdictions

The Smith County Appraisal District is responsible for appraising all properties for each of the taxing jurisdictions within Smith County.

- Smith County
- City of Arp
- City of Bullard
- City of Lindale
- City of Overton
- City of Troup
- City of Tyler
- City of Whitehouse
- City of Winona
- Arp ISD
- Bullard ISD
- Chapel Hill ISD

- Gladewater ISD
- Lindale ISD
- Troup ISD
- Tyler ISD
- Van ISD
- Whitehouse ISD
- Winona ISD
- Kilgore College
- Tyler Junior College
- Smith County Emergency Services District #1
- Smith County Emergency Services District #2
- Smith County MUD #1

Legislative Changes

Smith County Appraisal District reviews all legislation that may affect the appraisal district's operations. Once laws are passed, SCAD responds in a timely manner updating records, forms and/or procedures.

Property Types Appraised

The following represents a summary of property types appraised by the district for 2017:

PTAD			
Classifications	Property Type	Parcel Count	Market Value
Α	Single Family Homes	63,709	\$9,142,320,187
В	Multi Family Homes	2,201	\$755,999,518
С	Vacant Land (< 5 acres)	18,776	\$348,308,921
D1 & D2	Vacant Land (>5 acres)	15,375	\$1,859,588,908
Ε	Farm/Ranch Improvements	12,054	\$1,312,232,451
F1	Commercial Real Property	5,275	\$2,759,028,248
F2	Industrial Real Property	104	\$305,972,954
G	Oil/Gas/Minerals	35,082	\$201,977,707
J	Utilities	838	\$454,012,034
L1	Commercial Personal Property	7,191	\$1,186,032,429
L2	Industrial Personal Property	156	\$528,472,795
M1	Manufactured Homes	4,298	\$87,501,048
0	Inventory	5,504	\$48,272,913
S	Dealer's Special Inventory	216	\$77,442,745
Χ	Exempt Property	3,221	\$2,201,404,366

^{* 7/18/17} certified values

Appraisal Operation Summary

The district conducted a ratio study to validate the accuracy of its mass appraisal system with the following overall statistical results:

	2017 Ratio Study Results											
ISD	COUNT	MEAN	MEDIAN	WT. MEAN	PRD	COD						
AR	33	0.998	1.000	1.002	1.00	5.69						
BU	169	0.983	0.992	0.974	1.01	6.30						
СН	145	0.994	0.997	0.994	1.00	5.53						
GL	6	0.967	0.988	0.965	1.00	6.68						
LI	257	0.982	0.987	0.976	1.01	7.38						
TR	12	0.991	0.978	0.965	1.03	6.63						
TY	960	0.978	0.989	0.978	1.00	6.44						
VA	9	1.006	0.974	1.031	0.98	5.94						
WH	295	0.975	0.982	0.987	0.99	6.64						
WI	31	0.980	0.974	0.974	1.01	9.29						
Overall	1917	0.980	0.989	0.981	1.00	6.56						

^{*}Outliers trimmed using the inner quartile range x2.5

Based upon the Mass Appraisal Standards adopted by the International Association of Assessing Officers, the above statistics indicate the district's mass appraisal system is accurately and uniformly appraising property.

Property Discovery

- Visual field inspections
- Aerial photography
- Homestead/Agricultural applications
- City building permits
- Direct notification from property owners
- Local real estate professionals
- Contractors, developers and sales professionals of new subdivisions
- Recorded instruments from courthouse and other local government
- Building plans
- Utility companies
- Mechanic's liens, Deeds of Trust and Legal News
- Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs reports (Manufactured Homes)
- TXDOT moving permits for Manufactured Homes
- Sales questionnaires and Fee Appraisals
- Newspapers, Sales Brochures and Magazines
- Telephone directories

Exemption Data

Property owners may qualify for a variety of exemptions as provided by the Texas Constitution. Some of the most commonly occurring exemptions are described below. Other less commonly occurring exemptions are available and described in the Texas Property Tax Code, Chapter 11.

Residential Homestead

The following chart represents the partial exemption amounts available to homeowners who qualify for this exemption on home sites with a maximum of 20 acres:

Jurisdiction	Percent	General	Over 65	Disability	100% Disabled Veteran
County					
Smith County		None	\$25,000	None	100%
City					
Arp		None	\$3,000	None	100%
Bullard		None	\$3,000	None	100%
Lindale		None	\$3,500	None	100%
Overton		None	\$6,000	None	100%
Troup		None	\$5,000	None	100%
Tyler		10% or no less than \$5000	\$6,000	None	100%
Whitehouse		None	\$3,000	None	100%
Winona		None	None	None	100%
Schools					
Arp	20% or no less than \$5000 plus	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Bullard	·	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Chapel Hill		\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Gladewater	20% or no less than \$5000 plus	\$25,000	\$16,000	\$10,000	100%
Lindale		\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Troup		\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	100%
Tyler		\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Van	20% or no less than \$5000 plus	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Whitehouse		\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
Winona		\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
College Districts					
Kilgore College		None	\$30,000	None	100%
Tyler Junior College		None	\$20,000	\$10,000	100%
Other Districts					
Smith County MUD #1		None	\$5,000	None	100%
SCESD #1		None	None	None	100%
SCESD #2		None	None	None	100%

For school tax purposes, the over 65 and disability residential homestead exemptions create a tax ceiling.

Properties receiving a general homestead exemption may qualify for a limited appraised value. The limited appraised value will not exceed 110% of the prior year's appraised value. However, the market value may still be reflective of the local real estate market.

Disabled Veterans

In addition to the residential homestead exemption allowable to disabled veterans with a 100% service connected disability, disabled veterans are allowed a general exemption on any property they own based upon the percentage rating as determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Current exemption amounts, as based upon these ratings are as follows:

Percentage Disability	Exemption Amount
10-29%	\$5,000
30-49%	\$7,500
50-69%	\$10,000
70-100%	\$12,000

The surviving spouse and minor children of a member of the armed services who dies while on active duty will receive a \$5,000 exemption.

Other Exemptions

Other commonly occurring exemptions are:

- Cemetery Exemptions
- Religious Organizations
- Charitable Organizations
- Veteran's Organization

Other less frequently occurring exemptions are allowable and described in Chapter 11, Property Tax Code.

Jurisdiction	Homestead	Mandate Over-65	Local Over-65	Disabled	Veterans Real	Veterans Personal	Opt. Percent Homestead
County							
Smith County	0	0	\$456,855,919 count = 18,861	0	\$14,158,752 count = 1,435	\$11,871 count = 2	0
City							
Arp	0	0	\$264,000 count = 90	0	\$109,720 count = 11	0	0
Bullard	0	0	\$510,000 count = 171	0	\$185,000 count = 20	0	0
Lindale	0	0	\$1,336,405 count = 384	0	\$381,500 count = 37	0	0
Overton	0	0	\$102,000 count = 17	0	0	0	0
Troup	0	0	\$641,499 count = 133	0	\$153,300 count = 15	0	0
Tyler	0	0	\$46,004,624 count = 7,724	0	\$4,819,212 count = 472	\$3,871 count = 1	\$338,225,943 count = 18,261
Whitehouse	0	0	\$1,311,200 count = 448	0	\$550,360 count = 55	0	0
Winona	0	0	0	0	\$43,500 count = 4	0	0

Jurisdiction	Homestead	Mandate Over-65	Local Over-65	Disabled	Veterans Real	Veterans Personal	Opt. Percent Homestead
Schools							
Arp	\$35,960,402 count = 1,527	\$5,403,926 count = 569	0	\$490,293 count = 52	\$477,398 count = 54	0	\$47,748,809 count = 1,511
Bullard	\$59,870,893 count = 2,464	\$9,905,740 count = 1,022	0	\$543,264 count = 60	\$734,551 count = 72	0	0
Chapel Hill	\$108,884,570 count = 4,603	\$16,855,900 count = 1,753	0	\$1,875,857 count = 206	\$1,427,350 count = 144	0	0
Gladewater	\$14,561,719 count = 634	\$1,850,302 count = 205	\$1,010,962 count = 176	\$182,856 count = 20	\$153,256 count = 18	0	\$12,878,676 count = 638
Lindale	\$132,173,428 count = 5,441	\$22,761,335 count = 2,330	0	\$1,624,676 count = 186	\$1,987,171 count = 200	0	0
Troup	\$16,340,480 count = 695	\$2,139,104 count = 232	\$963,258 count = 203	\$207,186 count = 23	\$155,140 count = 16	0	0
Tyler	\$584,611,334 count = 23,963	\$91,903,367 count = 9,426	0	\$7,492,737 count = 805	\$6,265,823 count = 638	\$11,871 count = 2	0
Van	\$11,161,681 count = 497	\$1,782,987 count = 199	0	\$135,620 count = 15	\$162,610 count = 16	0	\$13,205,361 count = 491
Whitehouse	\$149,552,561 count = 6,149	\$19,739,918 count = 2,035	0	\$1,286,810 count = 140	\$1,762,230 count = 180	0	0
Winona	\$34,501,593 count = 1,471	\$4,746,712 count = 524	0	\$770,530 count = 82	\$416,439 count = 44	0	0

Jurisdiction	Homestead	Mandate Over-65	Local Over-65	Disabled	Veterans Real	Veterans Personal	Opt. Percent Homestead
College Districts							
Kilgore College	0	0	\$6,668,006 count = 248	0	\$189,107 count = 21	0	0
Tyler Junior College	0	0	\$271,454,932 count = 13,881	\$13,206,862 count = 1,393	\$10,095,970 count = 1,011	\$11,871 count = 2	0
Other Districts							
Smith County MUD #1	0	0	\$470,000 count = 101	0	\$78,000 count = 7	0	0
SCESD #1	0	0	0	0	\$1,678,729 count = 171	0	0
SCESD #2	0	0	0	0	\$6,637,223 count = 683	\$8,000 count = 1	0

Appeal Information

Following guidelines established by state law, notices of appraised value are typically mailed to property owners if:

- The appraised value of the property changes by more than \$1000 from what it was in the preceding year
- The appraised value of the property is greater than the value rendered by the property owner
- The property was not on the appraisal roll in the preceding year
- The property has had an ownership change

In 2017, the district prepared and delivered notices of appraised value for approximately:

	<i>85,000</i>	real property parcels
\triangleright	13,000	commercial and business personal property parcels
>	4,900	mineral interests owners

From those notices, approximately **4,200** parcels were protested.

Jurisdiction	7/18/17	7/15/16	7/15/15	7/24/14	7/20/13	7/11/12	7/15/11	4/27/10	5/21/09	6/30/08
County										
Smith County	\$165,841	\$158,188	\$150,802	\$144,817	\$141,103	\$138,337	\$137,173	\$135,712	\$134,239	\$131,899
City										
Arp	\$78,875	\$76,563	\$75,138	\$72,691	\$67,797	\$67,381	\$68,634	\$67,866	\$67,725	\$66,671
Bullard **	\$203,369	\$191,594	\$179,490	\$170,566	\$64,164	\$161,694	\$160,424	\$154,732	\$150,621	\$143,923
Lindale	\$147,799	\$140,105	\$131,678	\$124,424	\$119,627	\$116,906	\$115,139	\$114,511	\$114,749	\$114,880
Overton **	\$87,526	\$83,406	\$82,634	\$84,619	\$81,585	\$80,024	\$81,645	\$79,974	\$79,916	\$75,228
Troup **	\$77,318	\$73,605	\$69,699	\$67,246	\$63,553	\$62,668	\$62,582	\$61,601	\$58,549	\$56,042
Tyler	\$184,226	\$175,902	\$168,260	\$161,724	\$157,565	\$154,668	\$153,424	\$152,565	\$151,137	\$148,172
Whitehouse	\$151,513	\$144,945	\$139,280	\$133,834	\$130,955	\$128,708	\$128,562	\$128,087	\$127,349	\$126,609
Winona	\$76,527	\$68,800	\$66,826	\$65,388	\$65,327	\$65,496	\$64,620	\$64,698	\$63,973	\$62,562
Schools										
Arp	\$158,334	\$151,431	\$145,895	\$140,419	\$135,764	\$131,743	\$131,033	\$123,847	\$120,122	\$118,663
Bullard **	\$215,325	\$206,302	\$195,482	\$189,441	\$186,437	\$182,456	\$182,039	\$178,271	\$175,798	\$178,850
Chapel Hill	\$154,193	\$148,856	\$142,872	\$137,666	\$135,112	\$132,887	\$131,443	\$129,836	\$128,425	\$126,811
Gladewater **	\$100,434	\$99,296	\$94,935	\$91,154	\$86,465	\$83,705	\$83,432	\$83,728	\$81,742	\$77,791
Lindale **	\$166,521	\$157,334	\$148,482	\$140,396	\$135,352	\$132,415	\$131,909	\$131,292	\$130,381	\$128,543
Troup **	\$96,656	\$91,406	\$87,803	\$82,981	\$78,036	\$77,426	\$76,197	\$74,380	\$72,266	\$67,859
Tyler	\$162,789	\$155,004	\$148,001	\$142,333	\$138,841	\$136,450	\$135,205	\$134,445	\$133,442	\$131,048
Van **	\$134,302	\$127,314	\$119,385	\$115,847	\$111,591	\$109,892	\$109,902	\$108,962	\$107,087	\$102,293
Whitehouse	\$203,273	\$195,124	\$186,370	\$179,208	\$174,390	\$170,185	\$168,760	\$166,377	\$163,374	\$161,092
Winona	\$92,123	\$83,717	\$80,335	\$77,362	\$76,296	\$75,472	\$74,111	\$73,796	\$73,323	\$72,004
College Districts										
Kilgore College **	\$100,434	\$99,296	\$94,935	\$91,154	\$86,465	\$83,705	\$83,432	\$83,728	\$81,742	\$77,791
Tyler Junior	\$158,411	\$150,928	\$143,905	\$138,094	\$134,602	\$132,317	\$131,126	\$130,432	\$129,446	\$127,285
Other Districts										
Smith County MUD #1	\$66,022	\$66,213	\$59,261	\$59,048	\$60,525	\$60,705	\$60,390	\$60,629	\$61,093	\$57,211
SCESD #1	\$142,866	\$142,502	\$128,379	\$120,777	\$116,721	\$114,180	\$113,136	\$112,046	\$110,674	\$108,604
SCESD #2	\$153,168	\$152,633	\$139,000	\$133,847	\$130,577	\$127,849	\$126,412	\$124,090	\$122,353	\$120,260

Jurisdiction	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
County										
Smith County	\$335,072,385	\$318,789,935	\$286,965,155	\$244,695,604	\$177,489,456	\$165,087,334	\$219,001,171	\$201,898,766	\$346,745,847	\$413,198,710
City										
Arp	\$637,985	\$164,328	\$194,830	\$526,317	\$231,355	\$216,840	\$177,293	\$67,362	\$728,415	\$453,500
Bullard	\$11,783,714	\$12,451,195	\$12,075,076	\$9,718,579	\$3,369,754	\$1,590,725	\$5,760,953	\$4,428,492	\$7,068,631	\$7,931,500
Lindale	\$11,666,619	\$7,738,883	\$11,769,367	\$16,687,836	\$7,329,605	\$7,305,259	\$6,492,729	\$2,203,824	\$5,429,352	\$11,714,600
Overton	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,156	\$106,665	\$510,215	\$349,900
Troup	\$375,048	\$392,489	\$875,478	\$516,916	\$441,936	\$771,241	\$716,174	\$518,751	\$710,753	\$1,903,520
Tyler	\$178,097,282	\$158,191,474	\$138,391,143	\$118,305,187	\$83,488,140	\$81,215,441	\$99,639,491	\$101,524,718	\$225,001,586	\$192,166,937
Whitehouse	\$3,330,559	\$2,919,934	\$5,085,899	\$4,533,171	\$3,157,952	\$2,260,225	\$4,208,824	\$3,020,927	\$5,025,685	\$5,644,510
Winona	\$830,216	\$204,594	\$28,244	\$462,906	\$0	\$367,951	\$1,147,457	\$83,912	\$486,236	\$90,800
Schools										
Arp	\$4,018,166	\$6,292,922	\$5,308,882	\$6,542,168	\$4,236,337	\$2,234,220	\$5,787,157	\$4,952,140	\$5,200,922	\$5,789,410
Bullard	\$25,038,759	\$29,033,407	\$19,940,786	\$19,266,762	\$9,053,680	\$6,535,447	\$14,016,872	\$11,725,706	\$16,852,248	\$22,720,200
Chapel Hill	\$28,392,468	\$19,043,117	\$21,246,547	\$12,952,526	\$11,292,689	\$10,912,931	\$20,841,402	\$38,076,231	\$18,369,601	\$33,435,100
Gladewater	\$1,366,965	\$2,519,493	\$1,560,023	\$2,173,624	\$2,236,934	\$1,151,778	\$1,879,930	\$1,323,789	\$1,163,375	\$1,828,750
Lindale	\$38,384,383	\$29,870,095	\$32,757,589	\$36,530,204	\$24,672,013	\$19,299,293	\$19,753,901	\$15,295,735	\$18,012,157	\$38,122,500
Troup	\$2,215,351	\$1,944,621	\$1,924,075	\$1,923,454	\$1,643,734	\$1,192,394	\$1,838,945	\$1,059,602	\$1,640,291	\$4,611,520
Tyler	\$179,937,198	\$157,309,665	\$126,025,810	\$132,674,078	\$88,490,083	\$93,543,524	\$114,423,403	\$101,545,321	\$230,200,690	\$210,777,990
Van	\$4,109,861	\$3,508,334	\$2,464,839	\$2,100,821	\$264,645	\$1,184,402	\$1,790,571	\$538,334	\$1,889,876	\$2,967,006
Whitehouse	\$47,202,159	\$64,432,839	\$66,716,619	\$25,221,064	\$32,478,616	\$25,199,563	\$34,261,894	\$25,856,945	\$37,447,468	\$74,105,850
Winona	\$4,407,075	\$4,835,442	\$2,769,368	\$5,310,903	\$3,119,725	\$3,833,782	\$4,407,096	\$1,524,963	\$5,668,571	\$5,301,600
College Districts										
Kilgore College	1,366,965	\$2,519,493	\$1,560,023	\$2,713,624	\$2,236,934	\$1,151,778	\$1,879,930	\$1,323,789	\$1,468,621	\$2,346,080
Tyler Junior College	\$245,226,455	\$199,835,603	\$176,805,321	\$182,317,367	\$122,910,963	\$123,918,737	\$153,227,461	\$148,223,050	\$266,728,842	\$271,703,730
Other Districts										
Smith County MUD #1	\$802,574	\$883,015	\$1,081,433	\$462,300	\$1,114,136	\$395,149	\$814,870	\$486,637	\$3,408,379	\$405,700
SCESD #1	\$40,866,250	\$28,105,715	\$32,083,793	\$34,947,225	\$23,956,127	\$19,325,566	\$21,101,251	\$13,742,394	\$20,336,054	\$38,860,740
SCESD #2	\$112,832,992	\$126,176,908	\$105,575,087	\$83,861,191	\$64,895,986	\$60,965,029	\$92,536,794	\$81,371,297	\$91,049,139	\$159,449,210

The Chief Appraiser certified taxable values to each taxing jurisdiction on **July 18, 2017** summarized as follows:

Jurisdiction	Taxable Value
County	
Smith County	\$16,444,321,130
City	
Arp	\$36,361,663
Bullard	\$221,567,738
Lindale	\$518,811,052
Overton	\$6,493,189
Troup	\$71,221,416
Tyler	\$8,117,880,826
Whitehouse	\$424,610,527
Winona	\$22,280,601
Schools	
Arp	\$344,390,993
Bullard	\$725,030,447
Chapel Hill	\$1,263,570,880
Gladewater	\$88,256,946
Lindale	\$1,457,574,209
Troup	\$192,511,812
Tyler	\$8,868,469,426
Van	\$87,466,655
Whitehouse	\$2,063,646,700
Winona	\$445,690,940
College Districts	
Kilgore College	\$111,777,604
Tyler Junior College	\$12,247,781,982
Other Districts	
Smith County MUD #1	\$183,250,562
Smith County Emergency Services District #1	\$1,400,458,805
Smith County Emergency Services District #2	\$6,153,078,787

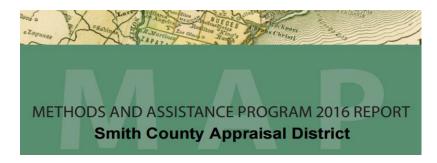
Tax Rates

Using the taxable values as certified by the Chief Appraiser and following the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Laws, the taxing jurisdictions adopted the following tax rates for 2017:

Jurisdiction	Tax Rates
County	
Smith County	0.330000
City	
Arp	0.690079
Bullard	0.563264
Lindale	0.476000
Overton	0.668000
City of Overton Municipal Cemetery	0.050000
Troup	0.912933
Tyler	0.240000
Whitehouse	0.675207
Winona	0.400000
Schools	
Arp	1.470000
Bullard	1.670000
Chapel Hill	1.230000
Gladewater	1.565000
Lindale	1.390000
Troup	1.220000
Tyler	1.405000
Van	1.561400
Whitehouse	1.413000
Winona	1.447420
College Districts	
Kilgore College	0.175000
Tyler Junior College	0.199926
Other Districts	
Smith County MUD #1	0.278400
Smith County Emergency Services District #1	0.067664
Smith County Emergency Services District #2	0.084648

Achievements - Appraisal District

Smith County Appraisal District received 100% compliance from the Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) review for 2016. This extensive review is conducted by the Texas Comptroller biannually.



Glenn Hegar Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts 2016-17 Final Methods and Assistance Program Review

Smith County Appraisal District

This review is conducted in accordance with Tax Code Section 5.102(a) and related Comptroller Rule 9.301. The Comptroller is required by statute to review appraisal district governance, taxpayer assistance, operating procedures and appraisal standards.

Mandatory Requirements	PASS/FAIL	
Does the appraisal district have up-to-date appraisal	PASS	
maps?	11100	
Is the implementation of the appraisal district's most	PASS	
recent reappraisal plan current?	TASS	
Are the appraisal district's appraisal records up-to-		
date and is the appraisal district following established	PASS	
procedures and practices in the valuation of property?		
Are values reproducible using the appraisal district's	PASS	
written procedures and appraisal records?	FASS	

Appraisal District Activities	RATING
Governance	Meets All
Taxpayer Assistance	Meets All
Operating Procedures	Meets All
Appraisal Standards, Procedures and Methodology	Meets All

Appraisal District Ratings:

Meets All – The total point score is 100

Meets - The total point score ranges from 90 to less than 100

Needs Some Improvement – The total point score ranges from 85 to less than 90

Needs Significant Improvement - The total point score ranges from 75 to less than 85

Unsatisfactory - The total point score is less than 75

Review Areas	Total Questions in Review Area (excluding N/A Questions)	Total "Yes" Points	Total Score (Total "Yes" Questions/Total Questions) x 100
Governance	13	13	100
Taxpayer Assistance	14	14	100
Operating Procedures	24	24	100
Appraisal Standards, Procedures and Methodology	34	34	100



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Smith County Appraisal District of Smith County, Texas 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 Smith County Appraisal District of Smith County, Texas has received the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration.

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 adherence to specific, accepted assessment administration and appraisal standards as defined in the IAAO publication Assessment Practices: Self-Evaluation Guide.

This certificate was presented during a ceremony at the IAAO 82nd Annual International Conference on Assessment Administration at Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida, on August 31, 2016. IAAO's Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration is an important recognition of industry professionals who strive to meet the highest standards in their line of work. It was a great honor for IAAO to present Smith County Appraisal District with this certificate during the annual conference.

Achievements - Staff

Smith County Appraisal District encourages professional development of staff. Currently, SCAD has 17 staff members who hold the RPA (Registered Professional Appraiser) designation. Additionally, 8 staff members are actively working towards completing the RPA designation.

Highest Degree earned by staff is as follows:

Associate's Level	5%
Bachelor's Level	66%
Master's Level	18%
Employees with College Education	89%

GIS – one staff member has completed a certificate for GISP – Geographic Information System Professional.

IT – one staff member has completed various Microsoft SQL Server and .Net Certifications.

Mapping – one staff member has received IAAO designation. Several staff members are currently working towards an IAAO certification.