

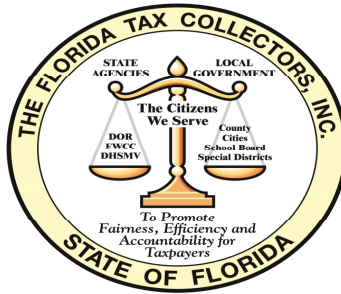
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Lake County Tax Collector Bob McKee Receives State Award for Excellence *One of 12 Counties Recognized for Financial Operations*

Tallahassee – Lake County Tax Collector Bob McKee is one of only 12 of Florida’s 67 Tax Collectors to earn a special designation for excellence in the field of financial operations. A judging panel named by the Florida Tax Collectors Association performed a detailed review of the Tax Collector’s financial records, practices and use of technology in considering McKee for the honor.

“The Excellence in Financial Operations Award is one of the highest achievements the Florida Tax Collector’s Association can award a local Tax Collector,” said FTCA President John M. Drew of Nassau County. “The judging process was arduous and included a detailed review of the financial functions of the Lake County Tax Collector’s Office. I am very proud to say that the Honorable Bob McKee is just one of 12 Tax Collectors to earn the designation. He represents the very top echelon of elected officials serving in the profession of tax collection.”

To be considered for the award, McKee’s office was required to demonstrate proficiency in four areas of expertise: Innovation & Automation; a Perfect Annual Audit Report; Customer Focus; and Budgeting.

A five person judging panel made up of government financial executives from throughout Florida reviewed the Tax Collector’s processes as related to the four areas of competency.

“The citizens of Lake County can be very proud of Mr. McKee for the award-winning manner in which he operates the Tax Collector’s Office,” Drew said. “The panelists’ review of his office went far and above reviewing his perfect audit report. The review included methods utilized by Mr. McKee to deliver service to the people he serves and consideration of the technological innovations he has developed and put into place.”

McKee, who was first elected in 1996, currently serves as the Chairman of the Florida Tax Collectors Legislative Committee.

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