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**JOHN R. AMES, CTA**  
**TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR**

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**Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector and Dallas Area Car Dealers  
Honored by the Texas Independent Automobile Dealers Association**

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*Picture: John R. Ames & Kathrine Tolsch*

Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector John R. Ames was honored by the Texas Independent Automobile Dealers Association (TIADA) at their annual conference in July 2012 with its Independent Award. Kathrine Tolsch, who presented the award, said "I am very honored to have the privilege of presenting this award. It is the TIADA Independent Award, and it is the highest honor the association can bestow on an individual who is not an independent car dealer. Mr. Ames has been a friend to our industry, introducing policies favorable to dealers and testifying before the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles on critical issues that affect car dealers."

Mr. Ames, stunned by the honor, accepted the award by stating "Wow, it's ironic that I was elected to serve you, the citizens, and you are honoring me. It is truly an honor to serve as the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector and provide efficient and quality service to our dealerships and our citizens."

Earlier in the evening, Kathrine Tolsch herself was honored with the Texas Quality Dealer of the Year Award. Ms. Tolsch is the owner of CICO Auto Sales in Dallas and is the President of the Dallas County Auto Dealers Association and TIADA Vice President of Region 3. The Texas Quality Dealer of the Year is the highest honor given annually to an independent automobile dealer.

Additionally, three other Dealers in Dallas County were also recognized. Bobby Gruner, owner of #1 Big Daddy's Car Company was a nominee and the runner up for the Texas Quality Dealer of the Year Award. Jim Campbell, owner of Big Tex Auto Mart, was inducted into the TIADA Hall of Fame and Wayne Meagher, owner of MD Auto Sales, received the award being the top recruiter for TIADA new members.

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