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Edward Dion - Recipient of the Jerry Ware Leadership Award by the Texas Association of County Auditors (TACA)

The highlight among the many highlights at the Texas Association of County Auditors Fall Conference held in Kerrville this past October was the presentation of the Jerry Ware Leadership Award to Edward Dion, El Paso County Auditor.

In his highlights, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Johnson County Auditor and the 2011-2012 President of the Texas Association of County Auditors, stated County Auditors throughout the state are dedicated and hard working people who fulfill a unique role in Texas County government. In fact, 194 counties rely heavily upon us to perform a multitude of duties at the very highest levels. Singling out just one from among the many outstanding Auditors was nearly impossible.

In his presentation remarks, Mr. Kirkpatrick offered that the description of the Jerry Ware Award and those attributes cited in the original resolution recognizing Jerry Ware were the very same as held and professed by Edward Dion.

"FOR EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, LEADERSHIP, SELF.DISCIPLINE, ETHICS, LOYALTY, FRIENDSHIP, FAITH, COMPASSION, COURAGE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS"

Kirkpatrick said that Edward has exhibited the qualities of leadership and common sense while maintaining a point of view that considers the good of county government as a whole rather than his own personal goals. Furthermore, he is one to step up and take on any challenge that arises, the one willing to do the heavy lifting, and is one of the hardest working and dedicated persons I know, to both his county and TACA. This award is in recognition of his great career and his outstanding contributions for the betterment of Texas County Government. This individual without a doubt is truly a role model for all County Auditors and I am extremely proud to know him.

Mr. Dion holds a B.B.A. with a major in Accounting from the University of Texas at El Paso. Mr. Dion is also a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Investment Officer, a designation from the Texas Association of Counties. Mr. Dion is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and the El Paso County Auditor's Office and has earned the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award for the last 11 consecutive years and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past 16 consecutive years.