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STATE ASSOCIATION HONORS CLERK WITH COLLECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Galveston, Texas – On Wednesday, May 20, 2009, *The Government Collectors Association of Texas* honored Ms. Ana De Luna, District Clerk Collections Specialist, with the *Collector of the Year Award*. This award is presented to the collector selected as having had the greatest impact on collections efforts for their respective city or county in the past year.

"I am extremely proud of Ms. De Luna and the entire Collections Department for their time, work and effort in making the collections program as successful as it is," said Hinojosa. "I especially want to thank Mr. Arturo Guajardo, Jr., Hidalgo County Clerk, for his leadership and readiness to allow the district clerk's office to partake in the collection efforts for the county."

The Collections Department also received the *Excellence in Service Award*, which is presented to programs selected for unselfishly providing assistance to others embodying the elements of dedication, commitment and service to the association and its membership. The association consists of professionals from across the state of Texas responsible for the collection of funds for the governmental entities for which they are employed and is devoted to the education, strategies, techniques and tools for judicial collections.

"I feel very honored and privileged for having received such a prestigious award which reflects the collection efforts our county strives for. I am so thankful for the wonderful supervisory leadership I have and the support of my co-workers. It is through team work that we can achieve our goals," said De Luna.

Ms. Ana De Luna has been employed with the district clerk's office since August 2007 and will continue serving in her capacity as a Collections Specialist. Ms. De Luna has doubled her collection goals for 2009.

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