

Farris Selected Collier County Government Employee of the Year

Deborah Farris, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist in the Transportation Engineering & Construction Management Department (TECM), was selected Collier County Government's Employee of the Year for 2009.



Deborah works in the TECM Right-of-Way Acquisition Section and is considered an exemplary employee who strives to provide the most thorough research required for any project she is working on. "Deborah is an outstanding and deserving choice to be employee of the month," said TECM Director Jay Ahmad. "Deborah makes sure that her efforts are properly focused on the most pressing needs of the organization. Additionally, Deborah is a Florida Registered Paralegal and a licensed title agent. This experience makes her a valuable member of the team who is always willing to answer questions and share her knowledge with others."

Recently Deborah was instrumental in forging a working relationship with Immokalee Helping Our People in Emergencies, Inc. (IHOPE), an organization formed after Hurricane Wilma that is dedicated to providing assistance to families affected by storm damage and to provide referral services for these families to other social agencies that may be able to provide assistance. Through Deborah's efforts, IHOPE's relationship with the county has enabled the group to receive scrap materials from county-owned properties that are scheduled for demolition. The scrap material can be anything from appliances to windows removed from the homes by IHOPE volunteers which are then provided to homeowners in need in the Immokalee area.



Deborah Farris, an employee of the county for nearly five years, was recognized at the Jan. 12, 2010 Board of County Commissioners meeting.