

Driving Market Momentum: Bobbi Coffey and Austin Zhao Secure IBBA Chairman's Circle Award

Transworld advisors Bobbi Coffey and Austin Zhao earn the IBBA's elite Chairman's Circle Award for closing \$3M+ in business transactions in 2025.

HOUSTON, TX, UNITED STATES, July 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bobbi Coffey, MCBI, CM&AP,



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M&AMI, and Austin Zhao, CVA, CBI, BCA, CM&AP, M&AMI, of Transworld Business Advisors of South & West Texas, New Mexico, and Wyoming, have been honored with the distinguished Chairman's Circle Award by the International Business Brokers Association (IBBA).

The awards were presented at the 2026 IBBA Annual Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The IBBA is the world's largest professional trade association for Business Brokers and M&A Advisors.

The Chairman's Circle Award recognizes elite business brokerage professionals who are driving significant momentum in the market. It is presented to individuals who closed one or more qualified business deals

amounting to \$3 million and above in total purchase price during the 2025 calendar year. Bobbi Coffey and Austin Zhao achieved this benchmark through their successful facilitation of major transactions in the South and West Texas business community.

"Austin and Bobbi are incredible assets to our firm and true advocates for the business owners they represent," said Steve Merritt, President of Transworld Business Advisors of South & West Texas, New Mexico, and Wyoming. "Navigating multi-million dollar transactions requires strategic finesse, deep market knowledge, and an unwavering commitment to exceptional service. We are immensely proud of their hard work and the seamless transitions they have orchestrated for our clients."

Emily Bowler, Executive Director of the IBBA, commended the award recipients for their vital role in the economy.

"The professionals recognized through the IBBA's Member Excellence Awards program represent the highest standards of our profession," Bowler noted. "Their dedication, expertise, and commitment to helping business owners successfully transition their businesses have a lasting impact on entrepreneurs, employees, families, and communities. We are proud to recognize Bobbi Coffey and Austin Zhao for this outstanding achievement and their contributions to the business brokerage industry."

Award recipients are recognized based on verified business transactions completed during the previous calendar year.

For more information about Bobbi Coffey, Austin Zhao, and Transworld Business Advisors of South & West Texas, New Mexico, and Wyoming, visit www.tworldswtx.com, call (281) 769-4277, or email infoswtx@tworld.com.

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