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Portland's Patricia Amidon, MAI, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (July 7, 2010) – Patricia Amidon, MAI, of Portland, Maine, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IV.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region IV includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Eastern Canada. Amidon is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Maine Chapter.

"Patricia Amidon is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Leslie P. Sellers, MAI, SRA, Appraisal Institute president. "We're proud of the contributions Patricia and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Amidon has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for nearly a quarter-century. Her service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as president of the Maine Chapter and as a member of its Government Relations Committee. A former chair of the Maine Chapter's Education Committee, she has also served on multiple panels for various Appraisal Institute events and has attended every Region IV meeting since 1996.

Amidon has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 27 years. Her service to the profession includes authoring monthly appraisal articles for the New England Real Estate Journal. In addition, she has taught appraisal courses for the University of Southern Maine's continuing education program and has mentored six appraisal trainees. She has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and has been president of Amidon Appraisal Company since 1990.

In her community, Amidon has served as a board member for the Gulf of Maine Aquarium. She also has served as the organization's treasurer.

Amidon joined one of AI's predecessor organizations in 1986 and earned her MAI designation in 1992. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kirkland College in 1975.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 25,000 members and 91 chapters throughout the world. Its mission is to advance professionalism and ethics, global standards, methodologies, and practices through the professional development of property economics worldwide. Organized in 1932, the Appraisal Institute advocates equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and conducts its activities in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. Members of the Appraisal Institute benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations. Learn more at www.appraisalinstitute.org.

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