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## **Millbrae's Benjamin Becker Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Sept. 8, 2010) – Benjamin Becker of Millbrae, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region I.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region I includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington State, and Alberta and British Columbia in Canada. Becker is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Northern California Chapter.

"Benjamin Becker 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 Benjamin and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Becker has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for seven years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes currently serving as vice-chair of the Northern California Chapter's Seminars Committee and as a member of its Technology and Networking committees. A chapter delegate to this year's Leadership Development and Advisory Council, he also serves as a member and session chair of the Northern California Chapter's Fall Conference Committee.

Becker has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for nearly a decade. His service to the profession includes mentoring trainee appraisers, and serving as creator and manager of the Northern California Real Estate Podcast Series. Awarded the Stauss Scholarship for aspiring appraisers seeking the MAI designation, he has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of California and has been project manager at Enright and Company, Inc. since 2002.

In his community, Becker is founder and president of Project Outreach, the single largest donating charity to orphanages in the Ukraine. Every year Project Outreach provides thousands of Ukrainian orphans with food, medicine, housing and clothing.

Becker, 32, joined the Appraisal Institute in 2003 and is working toward earning his MAI designation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University.

*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](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org).*

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