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Atlanta's Sandra McAlister Winter Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (March 9, 2011) – Sandra McAlister Winter, MAI, of Atlanta was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's March "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IX.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region IX consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Winter is a member of the Atlanta Area Chapter.

"Sandra McAlister Winter is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Joseph C. Magdziarz, MAI, SRA. "We're proud of the contributions Sandra and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

A member of the Appraisal Institute since 1989, Winter has served her chapter in a variety of roles, including as chair of the Admissions and Public Relations Committees and as a Board member, treasurer, secretary, vice president and, in 2009, president. She has represented her chapter as a speaker at top industry and Appraisal Institute events such as the annual Appraisers' Legislation Day in Georgia and the chapter's State of Atlanta event. She currently serves as vice chair of the Georgia Real Estate Appraiser's Board, a role she has held since 2004.

In service of her community, Winter is deeply involved in student activities, including serving as a room mom and field day volunteer for Whitefield Academy for several years. She was also a den leader for Cub Scout Troop 298 in 2005-06.

Winter, 49, has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 22 years and is a senior reviewer, team lead and vice president of real estate valuation services with Sun Trust Bank, where she has worked since 2007. She received her bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Furman University in 1984.

To learn more about the Appraisal Institute's "Volunteer of Distinction" member recognition program, go to <http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/membership/VolunteerOfDistinction.aspx>.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 24,000 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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