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West Palm Beach's Michael Slade Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Dec. 7, 2011) – Michael Slade, MAI, SRA, of West Palm Beach, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's December "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region X consists of Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Slade is a member of the South Florida Chapter.

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

Slade served as chair of the Appraisal Institute's Professional Ethics and Counseling Committee from 2005-2009 and vice chair from 1998-2004, chair of the Ethics Administration Division from 1999-2009, chair of the Region X Review and Counseling Division in 1997, vice chair in 1996 and member from 1993-1995. He was an instructor for the Society of Real Estate Appraisers from 1986-1993. He previously served as president of the South Florida Chapter, as well as chair of the Education Committee and on the Board of Directors. He became a member of a predecessor organization to the Appraisal Institute in 1980 and earned his MAI and SRA designations in 1984.

He holds a CRE designation from the American Society of Real Estate Counselors and has been a licensed real estate broker since 1986. He served as a special master and special magistrate for the Palm Beach County Value Adjustment Board for 20 years, received the Robert L. Foreman Memorial Award from the Appraisal Institute in 1999 and the Alumni Talon Award from the Florida Atlantic University Alumni Association.

He has been president of Callaway and Price in West Palm Beach, Fla. since 2001, joined the company in 1975, and has been involved in the real estate valuation industry for 36 years. He earned his bachelor's degree and MBA from Florida Atlantic University.

In his community, Slade serves as chairman of the board for Boys Town South Florida in West Palm Beach and as a guardian ad litem volunteer in the local court system. He was appointed by a previous Florida governor as chairman of the board of the Palm Beach County Housing Authority, served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and on the Board of Directors of the Florida Atlantic University Alumni Association. He is married to Corinne Slade; they have one child.

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