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Atlanta's Andy Sheppard Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (July 5, 2012) – Andy Sheppard, MAI, of Atlanta, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "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. Sheppard is a member of the Atlanta Area Chapter.

"Andy Sheppard is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Andy who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Sheppard sits on the board of directors for the Atlanta Area chapter, as well as serves on its Nominating Committee; Membership Admissions, Development and Retention Committee; and as a regional representative (since 2011). He was associate guidance chair from 2009-11 and alternate regional representative from 2009-10. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1998 and received his MAI designation in 2007.

He is vice president of Pritchett, Ball & Wise, Inc., in Atlanta, and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 14 years.

Sheppard has completed professional development programs in litigation appraisal and conservation easements.

He has worked with the Clayton County Police Department to organize a paintball game to benefit the families of fallen officers, and has partnered with the Southeast Region Toys for Tots to produce paintball events, which garnered more than 3,800 toys for local children.

He earned a bachelor's degree in real estate from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

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