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## **Merrillville's Jeffrey Vale Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (June 4, 2014) – Jeffrey R. Vale, MAI, SRA, of Merrillville, Ind., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's June "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region V.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region V consists of Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. Vale is a member of the Hoosier State Chapter.

"Jeffrey Vale is an exceptional ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Ken P. Wilson, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to be represented by individuals like Jeffrey, who faithfully serve our organization and the real estate valuation profession, as well as their local communities."

Vale has been Hoosier State Chapter Candidate Guidance Committee chair since 2013 and was Associate Guidance Chair from 2010-12. He was second vice president of the Northern Indiana-Southwest Michigan Chapter in 2013, Hoosier State Chapter president in 2009, vice president in 2008, and secretary and treasurer in 2007. He was an attendee of AI's Leadership Development and Advisory Council Conference from 2007-09.

Vale has been owner/president at Vale Appraisal Group in Merrillville since 1989. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 25 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1989, and received his MAI designation in 2002 and his SRA designation in 2014.

He is active in the music ministry of his church.

He is married and has two sons.

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