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## **Roseland's Mario Silvestri, MAI, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Aug. 4, 2010) – Mario Silvestri, MAI, of Roseland, N.J., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's August "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VI.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region VI includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Silvestri is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Northeast New Jersey Chapter.

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

Silvestri has been a member of the Appraisal Institute since 1988. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as president of the Northeast New Jersey Chapter and as chair of its General Admission and Candidate Guidance Committee. A mentor to numerous appraisers over the years, he has served as a speaker representing the Appraisal Institute at various member recruitment events and is currently chair of the Meadowlands Conference Committee.

Silvestri has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for nearly a quarter-century. His service to the profession includes serving as vice chair of the National Consensus Green Building Underwriting Standards Committee and as chair of the United States Green Building Council New Jersey Chapter's Sustainability Valuation and Consultation Committee. Certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of New Jersey, he has been a vice president of Wells Fargo, where he specializes in sustainable building valuation, since being promoted to the role in 2008.

In his community, Silvestri serves as chair of the Roseland Environmental Commission as well as working with youths as a basketball, soccer and softball coach. In addition, he is a past president, treasurer and secretary for the Roseland Chapter of Unico National, an Italian-American service organization.

Silvestri, 44, earned his MAI designation in 1999. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in real estate from Kent State University in 1988.

*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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