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Sherman's James Jacobs, SRA, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Aug. 4, 2010) – James Jacobs, SRA, of Sherman, Texas, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's August "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VIII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region VIII includes Texas and New Mexico. Jacobs is a member of the Appraisal Institute's North Texas Chapter.

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

Jacobs has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for 37 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as president of the North Texas Chapter and as chair of its Nominating Committee. A former Region VIII representative, he has served as an instructor of Appraisal Institute education since 2002 and has held positions on several North Texas Chapter committees, including the Admissions and Designation Qualifications Committee, the Finance Committee, the Client Services Committee, and the Residential Appraiser Board Admissions Committee, among others.

Jacobs has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for nearly 40 years. His service to the profession includes earning designations as a Certified Real Estate Instructor (CREI) and as an Independent Fee Appraiser (IFA) as well as serving as a registered arbitrator with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Currently serving as vice chair of the City of Sherman Planning and Zoning Board, he is a former review panel member for the North Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board and the former director of research for the Texas Real Estate Teachers Association. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of Texas and has been the owner and principal of Jacobs Company / Texas since 1988.

Jacobs, 60, joined one of AI's predecessor organizations in 1973 and earned his SRA designation in 1977. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State University and studied advanced real estate subjects at the Texas Real Estate Research Center.

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.

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