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La Grange Park's John McMahon, SRA, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Dec. 8, 2010) – John McMahon, SRA, of La Grange Park, Ill., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's December "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region III.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region III includes Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. McMahon is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Chicago Chapter.

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

McMahon has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for nearly 25 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as a member of the Chicago Chapter's Board of Directors and as chair of its Special Programs Committee. He also has served the Chicago Chapter in a variety of other capacities, including as a member of its Seminar Committee, Candidate Guidance Committee, Young Advisory Committee, and Experience Review Panel, among others.

McMahon has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for a quarter century. His service to the profession includes developing and presenting educational seminars on appraisal practices for national lenders and their underwriters. A certified residential real estate appraiser by the state of Illinois, he has mentored over 20 appraiser trainees entering the appraisal profession. He is a principal partner of McMahon, Baldwin & Associates, which he established in 1992.

In his community, McMahon volunteers to assist low income families with housing options. He also is actively involved with youth sports, having coached multiple basketball and soccer teams in addition to volunteering on the Board of Directors for the Heart Association's 5K Run.

McMahon, 47, joined one of AI's predecessor organizations in 1986 and earned his SRA designation in 1992. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Valparaiso University.

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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