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## **Fort Lauderdale's Ann Marie McCarthy, MAI, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Oct. 6, 2010) – Ann Marie McCarthy, MAI, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's October "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region X includes Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. McCarthy is a member of the Appraisal Institute's South Florida Chapter.

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

McCarthy has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for more than 20 years. Her service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as chair of AI's Public Relations and National Diversity committees. A former Region X representative, she has served the South Florida Chapter in many capacities, including as chapter president and as chair of its Nominating Committee.

McCarthy has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 23 years. Her service to the profession includes publishing articles in *The Appraisal Journal*, *Valuation Magazine* and *Florida Real Estate Journal*, for which she was honored with its Top Women in Florida Commercial Real Estate Award. A founding member of the board of directors for the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Women organization, she has recently advocated measures to prevent mortgage fraud in meetings with the Federal Bureau of Investigations. She has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of Florida and has been president of AMH Appraisal Consultants, Inc., since 1994.

In her community, McCarthy serves as a volunteer with Angie's House, an organization that helps young high school women. She also is actively involved with CREW U, an initiative geared toward bringing female college students into the commercial real estate industry.

McCarthy joined one of AI's predecessor organizations in 1989 and earned her MAI designation in 1994.

*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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