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Bethlehem's Kenneth Bell, SRA, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 8, 2010) – Kenneth Bell, SRA, of Bethlehem, Pa., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "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. Bell is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

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

Bell has been a member of the Appraisal Institute since 1993. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as chair of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter's Education Committee and as chapter treasurer. An advocate of appraisal education, he has brought a number of continuing education programs to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

Bell has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for more than a quarter-century. His service to the profession includes serving as a mentor to aspiring appraisers. Certified as a residential real estate appraiser by the state of Pennsylvania, he has been a staff appraiser for Penn National Bank since 1994.

Bell, 56, earned his SRA designation in 2008. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State 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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