CHICAGO (May 5, 2010) – Edward Molinari, SRA, of Woodbury, NJ, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute’s May “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. Molinari is a member of the Appraisal Institute’s Southern New Jersey Chapter.

“Ed Molinari 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 Ed and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live.”

Molinari has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for 24 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as member of the Southern New Jersey Chapter’s Board of Directors and as an instructor of national education programs. A former Region VI education liaison and member of the region’s Ethics and Counseling Committee, he has served as president, treasurer and education chair of the Southern New Jersey Chapter. At the national level, he has served on the Appraisal Institute’s National Education Committee, National Continuing Education Committee and National Nominating Committee.

Molinari has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for a quarter century. His service to the profession includes testifying as an expert witness on valuation issues before the New Jersey Superior Court and the Tax Court of New Jersey, serving as a panelist at Builders League events, and working with local media on issues of importance to the appraiser community. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of New Jersey and has owned his own appraisal firm since 1991.

In his community, Molinari is a past president of the Woodbury Club, a member of the Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce and a member of Rotary International. He has been active in youth soccer and for
more than five years had served as vice-president of the Mantua Township Soccer Association. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

Molinari, 52, joined one of AI’s predecessor organizations in 1986 and earned his SRA designation in 1991. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Rowan 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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