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**Atlanta's Jeffrey Bowling, MAI, Honored
as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Jan. 12, 2011) – Jeffrey Bowling, MAI, of Atlanta, Ga., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's January "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IX.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region IX includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Bowling is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Atlanta Chapter.

"Jeffrey Bowling is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Joseph C. Magdziarz, MAI, SRA. "We're proud of the contributions Jeffrey and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Bowling has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for more than 25 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as a director on the Atlanta Chapter's Board of Directors and as a member of its Membership Development Retention Committee. A Region IX representative, he also has served as a national experience review appraiser and proctor for Appraisal Institute examinations.

Bowling has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for more than three decades. His service to the profession includes mentoring nearly two dozen appraisers and serving as an instructor of appraisal education. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the states of Georgia and Alabama. He has been president of The Appraisal Group, Inc since 1992.

In his community, Bowling volunteers his time with the Tom Glavine/Georgia Transplant Foundation. He also serves as a member of the Cobb County, Georgia State University Alumni Association and Buckhead Church.

Bowling, 51, joined one of AI's predecessor organizations and earned his MAI designation in 1992. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 24,000 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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