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Seattle's Justin Slack Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 5, 2011) – Justin Slack, SRA, of Seattle was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's October "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region I.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region I consists of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Northern California, Northern Nevada and British Columbia, Canada. Slack is a member of the Seattle Chapter.

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

A member of the Appraisal Institute since 2005, Slack is a member of the national Diversity Committee and SRA Experience Review Committee. He also is on the Region I Nominating Committee. For the Seattle Chapter, he is a member of the Board of Directors, Education Committee chair, regional representative (2008-09), Fall Conference Committee member (2009-10), Associate Member Guidance Committee co-chair (2008-09), seminar developer (2009-10) and was selected to attend the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development and Advisory Council (2009-11). He also represented AI at the Collegiate Real Estate Conference at DePaul University in April 2010. He received his SRA designation from the Appraisal Institute in 2007.

A member of the real estate valuation profession for 12 years, Slack serves as president of the Appraisers Coalition of Washington; on the Washington State Real Estate Appraiser Commission's Appraisal Management Company Law Rulemaking Task Force Member; and as subject matter expert for The Appraisal Foundation's Appraisal Practices Board work group on adjusting comparable sales for seller concessions.

Since 2009, Slack has been a commercial review appraiser with HomeStreet Bank in Seattle. He earned his bachelor's of arts degree in English from Gonzaga University in 1998. He and his wife, Heather, have been married for 11 years and have two children: Caroline, 8, and Turner, 4.

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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