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Halethorpe's Barbara Cantrell Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 7, 2011) – Barbara L. Cantrell, MAI, of Halethorpe, Md., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VI.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VI consists of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Cantrell is a member of the Maryland Chapter.

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

An Appraisal Institute member since 2005, Cantrell has served the Maryland Chapter as a regional representative (2010-11) and next year will serve as the chapter's treasurer and on the Regional Nominating Committee. She participated in last year's national Leadership Development and Advisory Council event in Washington, D.C.

Cantrell has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 10 years. Currently she is a certified general real estate appraiser in Maryland, Virginia and Delaware. She is a member of the Membership Committee and serves as new member liaison for the Baltimore Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women.

In her community, Cantrell, 30, coaches 10- to 12-year-old girl soccer teams in the Catonsville Recreation League. Since 2001, she has worked at Lipman Frizzell & Mitchell in Columbia, Md., now serving as a senior associate. She earned her bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Maryland in 2003. She has two dogs, Tommy and Ginger.

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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