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Plano's Ken Wilson Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 7, 2011) – Ken P. Wilson, MAI, SRA, of Plano, Texas, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VIII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VIII consists of New Mexico and Texas. Wilson is a member of the North Texas Chapter.

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

Wilson will serve as vice president of the Appraisal Institute beginning Jan. 1, 2012. The following year he will serve as president-elect and in 2014 will become the Appraisal Institute's president for one year, followed by a year as immediate past president. He also will serve those four years on the organization's Executive Committee, comprised of the organization's officers, and will be a member of the Board of Directors during that time as well.

Wilson has been involved in the real estate appraisal profession for 34 years. Following a 12-year career with two national appraisal organizations, he started his own valuation and consultation firm, Wilson Realty Advisors, based in Dallas.

Wilson joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in the early 1980s. He began a three-year term as chair of the North Texas Chapter's Education Committee in 1995 and at the same time was elected to the chapter Board of Directors; he also served multiple years as a regional representative.

His chapter positions include: treasurer (1998), finance chair (1998), secretary (1999), vice president (2000) and president (2001). His national positions include roles as a member of the Client Services Committee (1998-2000), General Appraiser Council Admissions Committee (2001-03), national Board of Directors (2007-2010), Strategic Planning Committee (2008-09) and National Association of Realtors Project Team (2009). He also has served as Audit Committee chair (2009-10), Candidate Member Proposal Project Team chair (2010-11) and as trustee of the Appraisal Institute Education Trust (2011-13).

Wilson graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor of Science degree, College of Commerce, with a concentration in real estate and finance. He has lived in the Dallas area for the past 27 years; he and his wife of 25 years have one daughter, who attends college.

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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