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**El Paso's Linda Powers Honored  
as Appraisal Institute 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (July 12, 2018) – Linda M. Powers, MAI, of El Paso, Texas, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute "Volunteer of Distinction" for second quarter 2018.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers. Powers is a member of the Rio Grande Chapter.

The Appraisal Institute's Volunteer of Distinction program honors the organization's volunteers for their service to the Appraisal Institute, to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities. Each quarter, the Appraisal Institute recognizes AI professionals who have been nominated by their fellow AI professionals.

"Linda Powers has been a great contributor to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President James L. Murrett, MAI, SRA. "We are grateful for the time, effort and talent of volunteers like Linda who have devoted themselves to the betterment of our organization, the valuation profession and their local communities."

Powers has served on the Rio Grande Chapter's board of directors since 2015 and previously from 2011-13, is chair of the chapter's Nominating Committee and has been finance officer since 2016. She also serves on the national Board of Directors, has served on the national Education committee since 2017 attended the national Leadership Development and Advisory Council conference from 2016-18 and was on the national Nominating Committee in 2015. She previously served as chapter president in 2017, vice president and chair of the Communications Committee in 2016, regional representative in 2016 and previously in 2015 and 2013, secretary/treasurer in 2015, chair of the Finance Committee in 2015 and 2011 and as a committee member from 2012-13, secretary in 2012, treasurer in 2011 and PR Committee chair in 2006.

Powers joined the Appraisal Institute in 2001, and received her MAI designation in 2014.

She previously served as an Education Committee member for the Greater El Paso Association of Realtors and secretary and Education Committee chair of the Greater El Paso Chapter of CCIM.

She has been president of The Powers Group in El Paso since 2012. She received a bachelor's degree in office administration from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Powers' volunteer experience includes working with Children's Liturgy and Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

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