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CHICAGO (Feb. 9, 2011) – Victor DiSanto, MAI, of Somerville, N.J., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute’s February “Volunteer of Distinction” for Region VI.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation’s largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VI includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. DiSanto is a member of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter.

“Victor DiSanto 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 Victor and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live.”

DiSanto has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for nearly 15 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as 2010 chapter president, receiving a 2004 award for chapter service, participating three years in the Leadership Development and Advisory Council program, serving as an education instructor, being on the Region VI Committee for three years and serving on many chapter committees.

In his community, DiSanto works with the New Jersey Sharing Network as a speaker at local high schools in the High School Hero program. He also provides organ donor information at sporting and other events throughout New Jersey, has coached several local sports teams and is involved with Team Liberty, which was established by the National Kidney Foundation to provide a national sports event for transplant recipients modeled after the Olympic Games.
DiSanto, 48, is a partner with Sterling DiSanto and Associates in Somerville, N.J., where he began working in 1996. He earned his MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute in 2002 and graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1985. He and his wife, Patti, have two children: Joe and Laura.

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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