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## **Cumming's Daniel Fries Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (May 4, 2011) – Daniel M. Fries, SRA, of Cumming, Ga., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's May "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IX.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region IX consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Fries is a member of the Atlanta Area Chapter.

"Daniel Fries 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 Daniel 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 1990, Fries has served the Appraisal Institute's Atlanta Area Chapter on its Board of Directors (2008-2010 and 1996-97) and as Residential Admissions chair (2008-2010). He has also served as Government Relations Committee chair (2005-07); Public Relations chair (1995-1996); regional representative (1993) and as Candidate Guidance chair (1991-93) for the Atlanta Area Chapter. He is also on the chapter's speaker panel.

Fries has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 27 years. He has held roles as president and treasurer and is currently on the board of the Georgia Appraisers Coalition and is a member of the Employee Relocation Council. Fries has been interviewed on several radio shows about appraisal related issues, and has been quoted in the Atlanta Journal Constitution and Better Homes & Gardens. In 2010, he developed and authored a three-hour class on Federal Housing Administration Updates which was taught in Atlanta, New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

In service to his community, Fries has served as head trustee for Johns Creek United Methodist and helped develop its recreational program, which currently has over 1,000 children enrolled. He has also coached junior varsity baseball, varsity girls and boys soccer for Mount Pisgah Christian High School. He

has served as chairman of the Architectural Committee for the Polo Golf and Country Club and has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.

Fries, 52, is president and owner of Daniel Fries & Associates, Inc., a firm he started in 1987 that currently has five staff appraisers. He earned his bachelor of business administration from North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Ga. He and his wife Suzanne have been married for 24 years and they have a daughter who recently graduated from University of Georgia Athens and a son who attends Ole Miss.

*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](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org).*

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