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**San Diego's Howard Fram Honored
as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (March 9, 2011) – Howard S. Fram of San Diego was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's March "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII includes southern California, southern Nevada and New Mexico. Fram is an Associate member of the San Diego Chapter.

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

Fram has been a member of the Appraisal Institute since 2003. He attended the Leadership Development and Advisory Council's annual event in 2006 and the Region VII meeting in 2010. His San Diego Chapter duties have included roles on the chapter's Board of Directors, 2008-2010; as chair of the Associate Guidance committee, 2007; a member of the Education Committee, 2008-2011, including serving as chair this year; and a member of the Technology Committee, 2010. He was involved in planning the San Diego Apartment and Housing Seminar in 2007-2010 and chaired the committee in 2008.

A staff appraiser at Lopez, Price, and Cox, Inc., since 2004, he is a certified general appraiser in California and is seeking his MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute. He has worked in the real estate valuation profession for eight years.

In his community, Fram, 45, is involved in several local charitable and religious organizations. He earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and operations research from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1987. He and his wife, Cynthia, have one daughter, Maia, 8.

To learn more about the Appraisal Institute's "Volunteer of Distinction" member recognition program, go to <http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/membership/VolunteerOfDistinction.aspx>.

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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