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St. Petersburg's Karen Goforth Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (April 6, 2011) – Karen Goforth, MAI, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's April "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region X consists of Florida and Puerto Rico. Goforth is a member of the West Coast Florida Chapter.

"Karen Goforth 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 Karen 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 1985, Goforth has served the Appraisal Institute's West Coast Florida Chapter on its Board of Directors (2005-06), as treasurer (2007), secretary (2008), vice president (2009) and president (2010). She currently serves as her chapter's education chair. She has been a Region X representative from 2006-09, a volunteer at the Leadership Development and Advisory Council in 2005 and 2006 and was co-chair of the joint regional meeting in St. Petersburg in 2006.

Goforth has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 27 years. She is a licensed Florida real estate broker-salesman and Florida state-certified general appraiser. Goforth's community service includes serving on the Host and Steering committees of Equality Florida and volunteering for numerous sporting events in the St. Petersburg area.

Goforth, 51, is owner of Goforth Real Estate Consultants in St. Petersburg. She earned her bachelor's degree from College of Charleston in South Carolina in 1982.

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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