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Fort Lauderdale's James Walsh Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (July 3, 2013) – James J. Walsh, MAI, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "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, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Walsh is a member of the South Florida Chapter.

"James Walsh is an outstanding representative for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Richard L. Borges II, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to have individuals like James who continuously strive to advance the valuation profession while also serving their local communities."

Walsh has been Region X representative of the Appraisal Institute since 2011. He was president of the South Florida Chapter in 2012, vice president in 2011, secretary in 2010 and treasurer in 2009. He was South Florida Chapter government relations committee chair from 2003-2010, and served on the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development and Advisory Council in 2001 and 2003. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1974 and received his MAI designation in 1980.

Walsh has been senior director at Cushman & Wakefield Regional, Inc., in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., since 2007 and began with the company in 1988. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 40 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Manhattan College in New York and a master's degree in business administration from New York University.

He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Florida Veterans Nursing Homes, and former chairman of the Miami YMCA.

He is married and has one son and one stepson.

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