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## **Denver's Bret R. Poole Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2012) – Bret R. Poole, MAI, of Denver, Colo., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's June "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region II.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region II consists of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, as well as Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada. Poole is a member of the Colorado Chapter.

"Bret R. Poole is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Bret who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Poole has served as the Government Relations Committee chair of the Colorado Chapter since 2011. He also served as the chapter's Nominating Committee chair in 2011; president in 2010; vice president in 2009; secretary, treasurer, Finance Committee chair and alternate regional representative in 2008; Education Committee chair from 2006-2007; and regional representative from 2006-2007. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1990 and received his MAI designation in 1996.

He has been vice president of Bowes and Company in Denver since 1990, and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 21 years.

Poole was a panelist for the Colorado Bar Association in 2011 and president of the Colorado Coalition of Appraisers in 2010, and has worked to advance appraisal management company legislation in Colorado.

He serves on the Jefferson County Public Schools Capital Asset Advisory Committee (since 2011) and served on the Facilities Usage Committee from 2009-2010. He served as a den leader with the Boy Scouts of America from 2007-2010.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University and an MBA from the University of Colorado, Denver.

He is married to Marlain Poole; they have two children.

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