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San Juan's Rafael Bonnin Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (May 9, 2012) – Rafael Bonnin, MAI, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's May "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. Bonnin is a member of the Puerto Rico and Caribbean Chapter.

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

Bonnin served as a member of the Appraisal Institute's International Relations Committee from 2008-2011, a member-at-large of the Strategic Planning Committee from 2007-2008, a member of the Audit Committee in 2006 and a member of the Instructor Subcommittee in 2003. He served on the Region X Board of Directors from 2004-2006 and as chair in 2006, as Public Relations Committee chair of the Puerto Rico and Caribbean Chapter in 2006 and Region X vice chair. Bonnin also has served as a member of the Finance Committee (2005), the 717 Implementation Project Team, Future Meetings Project Team and International Project Team. In 2004, he was vice chair of the Instructor Subcommittee and vice chair of the International Instructors Advisory Group. He also was president and Public Relations Committee chair of the Puerto Rico Chapter (2003), Education Committee chair (2002) and Admissions Committee chair (2001). He became a member of a predecessor organization to the Appraisal Institute in 1992 and received his MAI designation in 2000.

Bonnin has been a visiting professor for the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico School of Architecture, president of the Union of Pan American Association of Valuation, a member of the Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Real Estate Appraisers and a writer for the College of Architects magazine.

He has been a partner with McCloskey, Mulet and Bonnin Appraisers in San Juan, Puerto Rico since 2001; he joined the firm in 1994. Bonnin has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 21 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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