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## **Fort Lauderdale's Denise Morales Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (April 4, 2012) – Denise Morales of Fort Lauderdale, 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, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Morales is a member of the South Florida Chapter.

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

Morales has served as the Associate Member Committee chair of the South Florida Chapter since 2010, and on the Associate Guidance Committee from 2009-2010. She became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 2007.

She has been an associate appraiser with Roe Minor Realty Consultants in Fort Lauderdale since 2010, and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for six years.

She has attended quarterly networking events for Appraisal Institute Associate members in the tri-county area, and acts as liaison between Associate members and the South Florida Chapter.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Florida.

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