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

CHICAGO (Feb.8, 2012) – Karen Goforth, MAI, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's February "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. Goforth is a member of the Northwest Florida Chapter and West Coast Florida Chapter.

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

Goforth serves as the West Coast Chapter's Education Committee chair (since 2011), Merger Committee member (since 2011) and alternate regional representative. She was the West Coast Chapter's Nominating Committee chair in 2011, president in 2010, vice president in 2009, secretary in 2008, treasurer and Finance Committee chair in 2007, regional representative from 2006-2009, co-chair of the Joint Region Meeting in 2006 and participated in the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development & Advisory Council from 2005-2006. She became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1984, and earned her MAI designation in 1990.

She has served as a panelist at the Southeastern Mortgage Advisors Council Conference. She has been owner of Goforth Real Estate Consultants in St. Petersburg, Fla., since 1996 and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 28 years.

She earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C., and has two dogs.

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