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Laguna Beach's Orell C. Anderson Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Jan. 11, 2012) – Orell C. Anderson, MAI, of Laguna Beach, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's January "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII consists of Arizona, Hawaii, Southern California, Southern Nevada and Guam. Anderson is a member of the Southern California Chapter.

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

Anderson served as Finance Committee chair of the Southern California Chapter in 2007, secretary/treasurer of the Southern California Chapter from 2006-2007, regional representative for the Southern California Chapter from 2002-2006, on the Appraisal Institute's Region VII Nominating Committee from 2002-2004 and 2007 and as Chapter Executive Board member from 2001-2003. Over the course of 18 years, he served as a technical adviser and instructor for several Appraisal Institute seminars. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1991 and earned his MAI designation in 1998.

He has authored or co-authored nearly a dozen articles and participated on a variety of panel discussions about various real estate valuation topics.

He has been principal of Bell Anderson & Sanders LLC in Laguna Beach, Calif. since 1999, and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 22 years. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, master's degree from California State University Long Beach and Ph.D. from Fielding Graduate University.

In his community, Anderson has held numerous leadership positions with the International Right of Way Association, where he earned the Mark A. Green Award for Journalistic Excellence and on the Environmental Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation. On a volunteer basis with his church, he was Sunday school president, two-year missionary in Iceland, employment and welfare counselor and crisis prevention volunteer. He served on the City of Mission Viejo Library Committee, Santa Monica Public Art Board and Very Special Arts Board of Directors. He has volunteered with the Saddleback Women's Hospital, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the YMCA. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, is conversant in five languages and enjoys fly fishing, sculpture, skiing and Scandinavian Peninsula medieval literature. He is married to Franceskay Anderson; they have three children.

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