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NAIFA Reaches Historic Agreement with Appraisal Associations

CHICAGO – The National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers (NAIFA) signed a historical agreement today to form a united voice with The Appraisal Institute (AI), the American Society of Appraisers (ASA) and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, (ASFMRA) for government relations efforts.

The recently signed agreement, the Washington, DC Office of the Appraisal Institute will be responsible for monitoring proposed changes to real estate legislation and will keep the members of each associations apprised of relevant federal and state regulatory real estate issues.

“NAIFA is thrilled to be a part of this historic agreement. NAIFA looks forward to securing government relations progress and making changes in the proposed regulatory real estate issues on behalf of our members and other professional appraisers,” said Elizabeth Kern, IFA NAIFA President.

Throughout 2007 the groups will pay particular attention to a variety of issues, some of which include:

- Achieving appraisal licensing reform to ensure greater professionalism
- Combating mortgage fraud by working with Congress on other organizations on solutions to the deficient regulatory structure for the appraisal and lending communities
- Supporting appraiser independence as a benefit to consumers
- Promoting professional appraisers as a resources for a wide array of real estate concerns

About NAIFA

The National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers was founded in 1961 as a non profit professional association of real estate appraisers. Today, our Association has chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and we continue to grow both in number and stature.

The Association's objectives are to raise the standards of the appraisal profession, gain recognition for its members as qualified professionals, and to promote fellowship among appraisers. For more information, please visit www.naifa.com.

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