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## **Whitney Haucke, CPA Awarded MAI Designation**

Seattle, WA – Whitney Haucke, will be awarded the MAI designation for appraisers involved in the valuation and analysis of commercial real estate by the Appraisal Institute at the September 2009 Seattle Chapter dinner meeting. MAI appraisers have an advanced level of expertise and experience in the valuation of commercial real estate including office, industrial, retail, multifamily residential and special purpose properties.

The MAI designation is earned upon the successful completion of a graduate-level curriculum, which includes a written demonstration appraisal report and attaining 4,500 hours of qualifying experience beyond state certification requirements. Also, designees must abide by both the appraisal profession's Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and the Appraisal Institute's Standards of Professional Practice and Code of Ethics.

MAI's are recognized experts in appraising commercial properties of all kinds and form a business network encompassing markets nationwide and in Canada. Currently, about 7,400 real estate appraisal professionals hold the MAI designation, with another 6,300 practitioners seeking it. The average appraiser takes five to seven years to complete the educational and experience requirements.

Ms. Haucke entered the real estate appraisal industry in 1998 after completing the Certified Public Accountant designation process. She received her training at the firm Schueler, McKowan & Keenan. Whitney joined Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. in 2006 as an Appraiser in the Cushman & Wakefield Valuation Services, Capital Markets Group and is a member of the retail industry specialty group. Ms. Haucke was named an Associate Director in 2008. In 1994, she graduated from Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Business/Accounting Concentration)

*As the leading organization for professional real estate appraisers, the Appraisal Institute represents more than 24,000 members worldwide. Members benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations. Appraisal Institute members adhere to a strictly enforced Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. For more information regarding the Appraisal Institute, please visit [www.appraisalinstitute.org](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org)*



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