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**MRIS CEO David Charron Receives Coveted Industry Leadership Recognition**

*Charron is a 2012 Inductee to the National Association of REALTORS®*

*Dr. Almon R. (Bud) Smith, AE Leadership Society*

**ROCKVILLE, MD** (May 18, 2012) — Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc. (MRIS) today announced that its President and CEO David Charron has been named to the National Association of REALTORS® Dr. Almon R. (Bud) Smith, RCE, AE Leadership Society (Smith Society) - one of the real estate industry's most coveted awards for excellence in industry and professional leadership. Charron, along with the other 2012 winners, will be awarded the honor today at the NAR Midyear Conference in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the Smith Society is to recognize those who excel in the association management profession by demonstrating uncommon leadership, a willingness to help others, and acceptance of a responsibility to constantly improve themselves. Every year, NAR receives nominations for leaders from across the United States and recipients of the 2012 AE Leadership Society were named by the Association Executives Committee Recommendations and Recognition Subcommittee.

"All of us on the Committee felt that David was absolutely a perfect example of someone who epitomizes the meaning of the Smith Society," said NAR's Recommendations and Recognition Committee Chairman and CEO of the Kansas City Regional Association of REALTORS®, Diane Ruggiero. "David was an easy choice for us because of his progressive thinking and incredible contributions to the advancement of the industry and profession."

David Charron's induction is a significant milestone since it's the first time since 1998 that an MLS Executive has been named to the Smith Society. With this induction, Charron joins the likes of over 100 influential real estate leaders who make up the Smith Society.

"Being inducted to the Smith Society is a true honor especially since the selection Committee is comprised of my fellow industry executives," said Charron. "I know Bud Smith personally and he truly encompasses the leadership qualities I continue to aspire to."

As a national expert in residential real estate, executive leadership and industry collaboration, David Charron has been recognized by Inman News for the 6th consecutive year as one of the "Most Influential People in Real Estate." In addition, he has earned recognition as one of the "Top Ten

Newsmakers” by the Swanepoel Trends Report. He serves as Chairman of the MRIS Investment Committee, was a founding member of the COVE Group, served as a Board member of the REALTORS® Federal Credit Union, and was a member of the NAR MLS Policy Committee. He was selected “Volunteer of the Year” by the National Eating Disorders Association, which provides education and awareness to individuals and families suffering from eating disorders.

In addition to Charron, 2012 inductees of the Smith Society include: Art Carter (CEO, California Regional Multiple Listing Service, Inc.), Dallas Hancock (CEO, Peoria Area Association of REALTORS®), Linda Lang (CEO, Orange County Association of REALTORS®), David Phillips (CEO, Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS®), and Daniel Sale (CEO, Capital Area Association of REALTORS® in Illinois).

#### **ABOUT MRIS**

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