

IN JUST SIX SHORT YEARS, VALBRIDGE PROPERTY ADVISORS RISES TO THE TOP

Valbridge Property Advisors, with local offices in Los Angeles and the Inland Empire, is now officially the largest independent commercial property appraisal firm in the nation. Calvin Cummings, MAI, Senior Managing Director at Valbridge, attributes this accomplishment – in six, short years – to Valbridge’s excellent leadership and high-level expertise of its appraisers, each of whom brings a unique specialty to its clients.

“At Valbridge Property Advisors, we are often called upon to appraise office, industrial, retail, and multi-family properties in Southern California, as well as land parcels,” says Cummings. “But we also are known for our expertise in appraising specialized property types such as: car washes, marinas, student & senior housing, residential subdivisions, gas stations & convenience stores, hotels & motels, agricultural properties, and RV and mobile home parks. In addition, our Los Angeles and Inland Empire offices have at our disposal, the “brain trust” of 200 MAIs and 500 property advisors at Valbridge’s 68 offices across the nation, should we need to call upon their expertise.

In addition, Valbridge’s use of high-tech appraisal software provides faster, more accurate appraisals and data analysis (usually in 7 – 14 days), often at a lower cost. Says Cummings, “Our software helps us generate appraisals for portfolio assignments very efficiently and cost effectively. With the quality of information presented in our reports, owners and investors are able to make critical decisions relating to ground lease and net leased properties, right of way/eminent domain, conversation easement, portfolio valuation, and market & feasibility analyses, among other things.”

Recent Valbridge assignments have included the Claremont School of Theology, San Manuel Inland Empire’s 66ers baseball stadium in San Bernardino, and the historic Serra Retreat Center in Malibu, which appraiser Scott Shepherd describes as a highlight of his career:

“Appraising the historic Serra Retreat Center in Malibu was one of the most interesting assignments I have completed for Valbridge. Located high on a hilltop with an expansive ocean view, the 26-acre site and its 60,000 square feet of improvements, originally constructed in the 1920’s, presented unique challenges with regard to land valuation and zoning considerations, sales and income comparable selection, and development of physical and functional depreciation factors. VPA’s extensive networking and data sources allowed me to complete this report for a major financial institution ahead of schedule which exceeded their expectations. It ranks high on my “Top-Ten List” of properties valued over my 29-year career!”

Valbridge’s Los Angeles and Inland Empire offices are client-focused with appraisals arranged around clients’ scheduling needs and performed by the staff of two, fulltime MAIs and six fulltime appraisers. In celebrating its sixth anniversary this month,

Valbridge Property Advisors looks to continue to grow its business by maintaining the highest standards in property appraisal services in the nation.