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**Sherrie Ann Gibson Receives Jack F. Derrickson Award
for Outstanding Course Leadership**

MALVERN, Pa.—Sherrie Ann Gibson, CPCU, is the 2009 recipient of the Jack F. Derrickson Award for Outstanding Course Leadership given by the American Institute for CPCU and Insurance Institute of America (the Institutes). Gibson is a claim representative in the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) at State Farm Insurance Company in Lakewood, Colo.

The Derrickson Award, which is presented annually, honors a teacher of insurance courses whose students pass national Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU[®]) and Insurance Institute of America examinations at a rate higher than the national average over an extended period of time.

Gibson earned the CPCU designation in 1986 and has been teaching since that time. With 23 years of experience as a course leader, Gibson currently teaches courses in the Program in General Insurance (INS) and has taught courses in the Associate in Claims (AIC) and the CPCU designation programs.

“I am overwhelmed to have been selected to receive the Derrickson Award,” Gibson said. “I am proud to be part of the insurance industry and I love teaching. It is very rewarding to play a small part in encouraging young insurance professionals to use the CPCU program to help reach their career aspirations.”

Each year, the Institutes provide for the Derrickson Award winner and a guest to attend the annual CPCU conferment ceremony, to be held this year in Denver, Colo., where the recipient is presented with a check for \$250 and a Derrickson Award plaque. Peter L. Miller, CPCU, president and CEO

of the Institutes said, "Outstanding course leaders such as Ms. Gibson have a command of course content as well as the ability to motivate students to want to learn. They show a personal interest in students and encourage them to continue to increase their skills and knowledge."

With almost 45 years of experience in the insurance industry, Gibson has worked for State Farm for 43 years. She also currently acts as an arbitrator with the Arbitration Forums, Inc. She is married to Terry and they have one son, Brian, and three grandchildren.

"Sherrie is a valued member of our team at State Farm," said Kim Hicks, vice president of operations at State Farm. "She has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to further the education of insurance professionals. We are pleased to see Sherrie recognized and we are extremely proud of her."

This award is named for Jack F. Derrickson, CPCU, an insurance executive who graded CPCU and IIA examinations for 38 years and taught insurance courses through the Insurance Society of Philadelphia. Derrickson, who passed away in August 2004 at the age of 92, funded this award to recognize excellence in course leadership.

A photo of Sherrie Gibson is available for download at

<http://www.aicpcu.org/images/people/Gibson.jpg>

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