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### **PIANY to honor Couto as MetroRAP Executive of the Year**

**BROOKLYN, N.Y.**—The Professional Insurance Agents of New York State Inc. will present Vivalde Couto, CPCU, with its Executive of the Year award at the annual Metro Regional Awareness Program, Jan. 28, 2010, at the New York Marriott Brooklyn. Couto is Vice President of Underwriting and Chief Underwriting Officer of Rutgers Casualty and American European Insurance Companies (American European Insurance Group, Inc.).

The award recognizes an individual from an insurance company, a general agency or a managing general agency who has demonstrated qualities that best foster a strong working relationship with agents and brokers, and who has exemplified a commitment to professionalism and service.

“This award honors Vivalde for his professionalism and demonstrated commitment to the insurance industry,” said PIANY president Kevin Ryan, CIC. “It is my privilege to recognize a company representative with such a high-level of dedication to service on behalf of PIANY.”

Active in PIANY, Couto served as a member of the Hudson Valley and MetroRAP committees.

PIANY is a trade association representing professional, independent insurance agencies, brokerages and their employees throughout the state.