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Nominations open for the third annual *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*

OTTAWA, November 8, 2010 – Nominations opened today for the third annual *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector* that recognizes the success of federal public servants who have made significant contributions to financial management and/or comptrollership within the Government of Canada.

The annual awards program, presented by Certified Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), includes awards for Innovation, Financial Leadership (CFO) and Lifetime Achievement.

“The awards highlight the essential role of innovation and how it is used to stimulate the growth of productivity in today’s society,” said Joy Thomas, President and CEO, CMA Canada. “The sharing of best practices is the key to igniting business innovation through creativity and thought leadership.”

Created to recognize excellence in public sector financial management, the awards also provide well-deserved recognition for the dedication and hard work of financial management professionals.

“All of the previous recipients and finalists of the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector* have been a source of real inspiration. They have shown how great leadership and great financial management can make a big difference to organizational performance. It's important that we draw strength from their achievements and strive to deliver high standards more widely,” said Steve Freer, Chief Executive, CIPFA.

“The importance of recognizing excellence in everything we do not only applies to the awards, but is also one CMA Canada’s core values,” adds Ms. Thomas. “We are very pleased with the attention the awards have generated amongst public sector financial management professionals and look forward to another successful event.”

The awards presentation will take place during the awards dinner to be held in Ottawa in spring 2011. Recipients will be announced in *CMA magazine* and will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 donation to a charity or scholarship fund of their choice.

All nominations must be received by **Friday, February 18, 2011**. The entries will be judged by a distinguished selection committee comprised of senior public servants and industry experts.

For more information on how you can help recognize excellence in public sector financial management, visit: www.comptrollershipaward.com.

About Certified Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada)

With 50,000 members around the world, CMA Canada grants a professional designation in strategic management accounting® and is responsible for standards-setting, accreditation, and the continuing professional development of Certified Management Accountants (CMAs). CMAs provide an integrating perspective to business decision-making, applying a unique blend of expertise in accounting, management and strategy to identify new market opportunities, ensure corporate accountability, and help organizations maintain a long-term competitive advantage. To optimize the performance of global enterprises and build strategic management accounting skills, CMA Canada offers innovative executive development programs, advanced online courses, and internationally recognized knowledge management publications. For more information, visit www.cma-canada.org.

About the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)

CIPFA, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, is the professional body for people in public finance. Our 14,000 members work throughout the public services in national audit agencies, major accountancy firms, and in other bodies where public money needs to be effectively and efficiently managed. As the world's only professional accountancy body to specialize in public services, CIPFA's portfolio of qualifications are the foundation for a career in public finance. They include the benchmark professional qualification for public sector accountants, as well as, a postgraduate diploma for people already working in leadership positions. They are taught by our in-house CIPFA Education and Training Centre as well as other places of learning around the world. We also champion high performance in public services, translating our experience and insight into clear advice and practical services. They include information and guidance, courses and conferences, property and asset management solutions, consultancy and interim people for a range of public sector clients. Globally, CIPFA shows the way in public finance by standing up for sound public financial management and good governance. We work with donors, partner governments, accountancy bodies and the public sector around the world to advance public finance and support better public services.

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