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Public Service Commission of Canada and Public Works and Government Services Canada employees named recipients of the 2011 *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*

OTTAWA, ON -- (May 11, 2011) – Certified Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada) and the U.K.-based Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) congratulate Mariana Teodora Barbunca, Vincent Gilbert, Maxime Rousselle and Marie-Andrée Vézina from the Public Service Commission of Canada in the Innovation category (Small Department/Agency); and Richard Inomata, Stéphanie Laperrière, Gregory Licandro, Keith MacLeod, Minou Nguyen, Daniel Simard, Riadh Thlibi and Man-Lai Wong from Public Works and Government Services Canada in the Innovation category (Large Department/Agency), on being chosen as the recipients of the third annual *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*.

The team members from the Public Service Commission of Canada and Public Works and Government Services Canada were presented the awards by CIPFA Chief Executive Steve Freer and CMA Canada President and CEO Joy Thomas, at a dinner sponsored by the Association of Canadian Financial Officers and Carlson Wagonlit Travel to honour the winners and nominees, held last night at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa. This year the selection committee received a record number of submissions which allowed for two awards in the Innovation category, based on the size of the department/agency.

“We received an exceptionally high calibre of submissions that reflected the importance of innovation and financial management across various government departments and agencies,” said Steve Freer. “We are pleased to congratulate the winning teams for their commitment to maintaining a leadership role in sound financial management and reporting.”

The annual award is conferred to a federal public servant or team working in a government department or agency who has made a significant contribution to financial management and/or comptrollership within the Government of Canada.

This year’s featured speakers included James Ralston, Comptroller General of Canada and Jeffrey Simpson, National Affairs Columnist for The Globe and Mail. Both addressed the importance of innovation, government accountability and the role of financial management and comptrollership in the Government of Canada.

“These awards are important because they show appreciation for good work and encourage the financial management community to continue to look for opportunities to innovate,” said James Ralston. “I congratulate all the winners and nominees for their contribution to strong financial management in the Government of Canada, and I thank CMA Canada and CIPFA for their effort to support this well-deserved recognition through the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*.”

Also honoured at the dinner was Moyez Somani, MBA, FCMA, Executive Vice-President of Farm Credit Canada, who received the *CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award*. As Farm Credit Canada’s most senior financial executive, Moyez is responsible for finance and venture capital, treasury and pension investment management, internal audit, internal control, security and business continuity. Since Moyez joined Farm Credit Canada in 1998, the corporation has experienced remarkable growth and financial success, and is now Canada’s leading agriculture and agribusiness lender with a portfolio of more than \$20 billion. The corporation has also ranked amongst the top 50 Best Employers in Canada for eight consecutive years and is a four-time recipient of the Auditor General of Canada’s Award for Excellence in Annual Reporting by Crown Corporations.

“Moyez has set a standard for the accounting and finance profession as a whole, both in his corporate roles and via his community service. He exemplifies a financial and accounting career well lived,” said Joy Thomas.

Recent CMA-PFA Program graduates were also honoured at the ceremony for their dedication to career progression and personal growth.

About the CMA-PFA Program

The CMA-PFA Program was launched in October 2005 by CMA Canada and CIPFA. The program is designed to provide public sector employees with comprehensive public sector financial management and strategic leadership training. It was developed with the support and guidance of the Office of the Comptroller General of Canada to maximize alignment with the new comptrollership and internal audit functions in government.

About 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 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 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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