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News release

Deadline extended for Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector nominations

OTTAWA, ON (January 24, 2012) -- The deadline to submit nominations for the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector* has been extended to **February 17, 2012, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. If you know an individual or a team that has made a significant contribution to financial management or comptrollership within the Government of Canada, then take this opportunity to recognize their hard work and nominate them for an award.

The annual program, presented by Certified Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), includes awards for *Innovation* and *Financial Leadership*. This year two awards will be granted in the Innovation category, one for a large department or agency and one for a small department or agency. Consideration forms are also being accepted for the *CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award*, which is awarded at the discretion of the selection committee.

All nominations may be submitted via email to nominations@comptrollershipaward.com until the last day of the nomination period. With the deadline quickly approaching, nominators are asked to submit their completed application form(s) as soon as possible.

The award recipients will be determined by a group of distinguished senior public servants and industry experts. The 2012 selection committee consists of:

- **Monique Arnold** - President, Financial Management Institute of Canada
- **Jean-Pierre Blais** - Assistant Secretary, Government Operations Sector, Treasury Board of Canada
- **Richard Dicerni** - Deputy Minister, Industry Canada
- **Anne-Marie Gammon** - Consultant
- **Bruce Manion** - Assistant Deputy Minister, Government of Canada
- **Richard Monk** - President & CEO, msight global inc.
- **James Ralston** - Comptroller General of Canada
- **Joy Thomas** - President and CEO, CMA Canada

This year's award recipients will be announced at special ceremony to be held on May 8, 2012, at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa. The recipients will receive national recognition of their achievements and their innovations will serve as a model for how other public sector entities and individuals can enhance their financial management performance, and meet accountability objectives to the highest possible standards.

A limited number of tickets will be available for the reception, dinner and awards ceremony. Online registration will be made available in March.

For more information or to submit your nomination for the 2012 *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*, please 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.

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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