



2012 Selection Committee Member



James A. Ralston
Comptroller General of Canada

James Ralston was appointed Comptroller General of Canada in October 2009. The Comptroller General is responsible for government-wide direction and leadership for financial management, internal audit, federal assets and acquired services. The Comptroller General also supports capacity building and professional development in each of these areas.

Prior to becoming the Comptroller General, Mr. Ralston spent 10 years at the Canada Revenue Agency, becoming the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner in 2004.

Before his work at the CRA, Mr. Ralston spent 15 years with the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and, eight years in a national public accounting/consulting firm in Edmonton and Ottawa. He began his career with the Provincial Auditor of Alberta.

Mr. Ralston holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta, a Master of Arts (Economics) degree from the University of Ottawa, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science) degree from Carleton University. Mr. Ralston is a member of the Institutes of Chartered Accountants of Alberta and Ontario.