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## **Finalists announced for second annual *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector***

***Paul J. Gauvin, FCMA, also to be honoured with the CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award at May 10 Ceremony in Ottawa***

**OTTAWA – March 17, 2010** – Certified Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada) and the U.K.-based Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) are pleased to announce the selection of finalists for the second annual *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*.

The annual award, consisting of a plaque and a \$1,000 donation to a charity or scholarship fund of the winner's choice, is given to a federal public servant or team working in a government department or agency and making a significant contribution to financial management, and/or comptrollership within the Government of Canada.

The finalists for this year's award ceremony, which will take place on Monday, May 10, 2010, at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa, are (in alphabetical order):

- **Canada Revenue Agency:** Michel Bernard, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director General, Financial Administration Directorate, Finance and Administration Branch; Mary-Lee Clarke, Manager, TCA-5970 Team, Internal Controls Division, Financial Administration Directorate, Finance and Administration Branch; Joan Reade, Director, Internal Controls Division, Financial Administration Directorate, Finance and Administration Branch.
- **Canada Revenue Agency:** David Blaney, Resource Management Analyst; Janique Caron, Director, Resource and Analysis Division; David Conabree, Manager; Jacquelyn Facette, Manager; Zhi Wei Feng, Resource Management Analyst; Michael Fowler, Manager; Fatmah Ghadban, Resource Management Project Leader; Martin Hébert, Secretariat Coordinator; Wendy Hillier, Senior Strategic Resource Analyst; Jane Mah, Special Advisor; Jeff Ogborne, Senior Strategic Resource Analyst; Pauline Saroufim, Resource Management Project Leader; Shaun Turner, Resource Management Project Leader.
- **Industry Canada:** Jeffrey Aris, Senior Financial Officer, Quality Assurance and Internal Control; Carl Boisvert, Manager Quality Assurance and Internal Control; Karen Cahill, Director General of Financial Operations and Systems; Deborah Guillas, Director, Financial Operations; Jennifer Russell, Financial Officer, Quality Assurance and Internal Control.

“We are very pleased with the attention this award has generated amongst public sector financial management professionals,” said Joy Thomas, MBA, C.Dir., CMA, FCMA, President and CEO of CMA Canada. “The high calibre of submissions received for the award reflects the importance of innovation and financial management within the Government of Canada.”

In addition to Ms. Thomas, the selection committee includes William Baker, Deputy Minister, Public Safety Canada; Richard Dicherni, Deputy Minister, Industry Canada; Richard Monk, Vice-President, WelchGroup Consulting; James Ralston, Comptroller General of Canada; and Michael Tinkler, Senior Director, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

The selection committee, at its discretion in any given year, may also identify a recipient for a Lifetime Achievement Award. This year, the committee determined that the *CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award* will be presented at the dinner to Paul J. Gauvin, FCMA. A native of Moncton, New Brunswick, Mr. Gauvin began his career as an accountant with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Since that time, Mr. Gauvin has dedicated over 30 years to public service, in increasingly senior financial and program management positions, including in the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency where he served as Senior Vice President, Policy, Planning and Programs, as well as in some of the largest, most complex federal government departments, including Employment and Immigration Canada, Transport Canada, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), where he served as the Chief Financial Officer. He was also the architect and Chief Government negotiator for the privatization of the Air Navigation System (NAVCAN). His most recent assignment was Special Advisor to the Commissioner of the RCMP. He is also a past President of the Financial Management Institute.

“Mr. Gauvin’s significant contributions to financial administration in the federal Government throughout his career and his exemplary leadership skills make him a worthy recipient of this honour,” said Steve Freer, Chief Executive of CIPFA.

Tickets are now available for the reception, dinner and award ceremony:

- Date:** Monday, May 10, 2010
- Time:** 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception  
6:45 p.m. Dinner and Award Ceremony
- Location:** Fairmont Château Laurier  
1 Rideau Street (Ottawa, ON)
- Featured Speakers:** Sheila Fraser - Auditor General of Canada  
James Ralston - Comptroller General of Canada
- Tickets:** Individual = \$100 + GST  
Table for 10 guests = \$900 + GST
- To Order:** <http://www.comptrollershipaward.com/RSVP.aspx>
- Deadline:** Monday, April 26, 2010

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### **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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