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## **News Release**

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

#### ***Moyez H. Somani, MBA, FCMA, also to be honoured with the CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award at May 10 Ceremony in Ottawa***

OTTAWA, ON -- (April 7, 2011) – 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 third 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.

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 (small or large).

The finalists for this year's award ceremony, which will take place on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa, are (in alphabetical order):

#### **INNOVATION AWARD FINALISTS**

##### **Small Departments/Agencies**

- **National Film Board of Canada** – Luisa Frate, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technical Officer.
- **Public Service Commission** – Mariana Teodora Barbunca, Senior Financial Analyst; Vincent Gilbert, Manager, Policies & Accounting Architecture; Maxime Rousselle, Financial Analyst; Marie-Andrée Vézina, Financial Analyst.

## Large Departments/Agencies

- **Department of National Defence** – Single Instance Finance Team, ADM(Fin CS)/DG Fin Ops/DRMIS: Rodney Anderson, Financial Analyst; Tanya Baillie, Financial Analyst; Steve Brown, Manager Accounting and Reporting; Ritu Chandra, Financial Analyst; Brent Charron, Financial Analyst; Lan Chen, Financial Analyst; Helene Cheng, Financial Analyst; Meg Cheng, Financial Analyst; Don Clark, Manager Performance Support and Business Requirements; WO Eric Currie, Financial Analyst; Jad Daou, Financial Analyst; Paul Dumouchel, Financial Analyst (retired); MWO Rod Dupras, Financial Analyst; WO Margaret Duteau, Financial Analyst; Jan Ellis, Financial Analyst; Mike Grainger, Financial Analyst; Derek Greenwell, Financial Analyst; Ken Hiseler, Financial Analyst; Tae-Hyung Kim, Financial Analyst; MWO Louise Lacasse, Supervisor; Cathy Mackenzie, Financial Analyst; Carolyn Moloughney, Financial Analyst (left department); Janice Peron, Manager Financial Control and Reconciliation; Rene Petitclerc, Financial Analyst; Kirk Pittman, Financial Analyst; PO1 Lori Pittman, Financial Analyst; Mike Purser, Manager Operations; Holly Robinson, Director Financial Accounting; Francine Seguin, Financial Analyst; Paul Smith, Financial Analyst; Joan Steiner, Financial Analyst; Don Thomas, Financial Analyst; John Vanderwerf, Financial Analyst (on leave).
- **Department of National Defence** – Support to Operations team, ADM(Fin CS)/DG Fin Mgmt/DCMFA: L Col Pierre Bouffard, Section Head; Capt Gaetan Lortie, Financial Analyst; Maj Dawn MacPherson, Senior Financial Analyst; Michelle Phillips, Financial Analyst.
- **Public Works and Government Services Canada** – Richard Inomata, Strategic Advisor, Financial Management; Stéphanie Laperrière, Financial Officer, Cost Accounting; Gregory Licandro, Financial Advisor, Cost Accounting; Keith I. MacLeod, Manager, Cost Accounting (Activity Costing); Minou Nguyen, Financial Advisor, Cost Accounting and Performance Measures; Daniel J. Simard, Manager, Cost Accounting (Cost Accounting Model); Riadh Thlibi, Financial Advisor, Cost Accounting; Man-Lai Wong, Director, Cost Based Management.
- **Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat** – Douglas M. Lloyd, Executive Director, Financial System Authority.

“We are very pleased with the high quality of submissions received for the award and the fact that we are able to recognize innovation in both small and large departments and agencies within the Government of Canada,” said Joy Thomas, MBA, FCMA, C.Dir., President and CEO of CMA Canada.

In addition to Ms. Thomas, the selection committee includes Ken Campbell, President, Financial Management Institute of Canada, Capital Chapter (Ottawa/Gatineau); Richard Dicerri, Deputy Minister, Industry Canada; Anne-Marie Gammon, Vice President, Financial Reporting, ING Real Estate Canada LP; Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, Commissioner & CEO, Canada Revenue Agency; Richard Monk, President & CEO, msight global inc.; James Ralston, Comptroller General of Canada; and Michael Tinkler, Senior Manager, 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 Moyez H. Somani, MBA, FCMA, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Farm Credit Canada.

Mr. Somani has over 25 years of senior management experience in the financial services industry, including Vice President, Investments at Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation. He is also actively involved in the local community, has served as president of CMA Saskatchewan's provincial council and was a member of CMA Canada's Council of Chairs. In addition, Mr. Somani was Chair of the audit committee and a member of the Board of Directors for the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency; a honorary board member of the Financial Management Institute of Canada and a member of the Aga Khan Economic Planning Board for Canada. As Chief Financial Officer and executive management team member, Mr. Somani has contributed to the remarkable growth and financial success of Farm Credit Canada, Canada's leading agriculture and agribusiness lender with a portfolio of more than \$20 billion and 17 consecutive years of portfolio growth.

"Mr. Somani has made significant contributions to the public sector throughout his career in the areas of accounting, finance, treasury and internal audit. In addition, he has set a standard for the accounting and finance profession as a whole, both in his corporate roles and via his community service," said Steve Freer, Chief Executive of CIPFA.

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

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011

**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 Speaker:** James Ralston - Comptroller General of Canada

**Tickets:** Individual = \$120 + HST  
Table for 10 guests = \$1100 + HST

**To Order:** <http://www.comptrollershipaward.com/RSVP.aspx>

**RSVP:** Thursday, April 28, 2011

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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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