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Call for nominations for the second annual *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*

Celebrating excellence in comptrollership, accountability and financial management

OTTAWA, October 15, 2009 – The Society of Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) have issued an open call for nominations from federal public servants to nominate colleagues and/or to self-nominate for the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*.

In its second year, the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector* includes two award categories: (1) Innovation, and (2) Financial Leadership (CFO).

The annual awards, consisting of a plaque and a \$1,000 donation to a charity or scholarship fund of the winner's choice, are given to a federal public servant or team who has made "a significant contribution" to financial management and/or comptrollership within the Government of Canada.

"These awards celebrate the nominees' ability to enhance the financial performance within the Government of Canada by using financial expertise, strategic insight and innovative thinking," said Joy Thomas, President and CEO, CMA Canada. "For the newly created Financial Leadership (CFO) award, nominees will be evaluated based on their level of competence in the areas of strategy, management and accounting."

In addition, consideration forms may be submitted for a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, which is awarded at the discretion of the selection committee.

"The *CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award* was established to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to financial management and/or comptrollership throughout their career," said Steve Freer, Chief Executive of CIPFA. "In addition to starting a wonderful tradition, this award sets a very high benchmark for all those who follow."

The 2010 selection committee is composed of distinguished public servants and industry experts. It consists of:

Ruth Dantzer – President and CEO, Canada School of Public Service

Richard Dicerni – Deputy Minister, Industry Canada

Richard Monk – Vice-President, Welch Group Consulting

James Ralston – Comptroller General of Canada
Joy Thomas – President and CEO, CMA Canada
Michael Tinkler – Senior Director, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton

The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 22, 2010. The award ceremony will take place on Monday, May 10, 2010, at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa.

For more information on the awards, revised criteria and eligibility requirements, visit:
www.comptrollershipaward.com.

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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 is one of the leading professional accountancy bodies in the U.K. and the only one which specializes in the public services. It is responsible for the education and training of professional accountants and for their regulation through the setting and monitoring of professional standards. Uniquely among the professional accountancy bodies in the U.K., CIPFA has responsibility for setting accounting standards for a significant part of the economy, namely local government. CIPFA's members work (often at the most senior level) in the public service bodies, in the national audit agencies and major accountancy firms. They are respected throughout for their high technical and ethical standards and professional integrity. CIPFA also provides a range of high quality advisory, information and training and consultancy services to public service organizations.

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