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Jim Quinn Named First Recipient of *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*

OTTAWA – May 26, 2009 – The Society of Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada) and the UK-based Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) congratulate Jim Quinn from the department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, on being chosen as the first recipient of the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*.

Jim Quinn was presented the award by Comptroller-General of Canada Rod Monette, CMA Canada incoming President and CEO Joy Thomas, and CIPFA President Caroline Mawhood, at a dinner to honour the winner and nominees, held last night at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa.

“It is a distinct pleasure to be able to congratulate Jim Quinn for winning the *Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector*, and demonstrating the high standards of performance which are so important to the public’s confidence in the Government of Canada’s financial management,” said Mr. Monette. “I would also like to thank CMA Canada and CIPFA for establishing this award which serves to recognize the exemplary work done by financial managers 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 making a significant contribution to financial management and/or comptrollership within the Government of Canada.

“The winners and all the excellent nominees demonstrate the high standards and principles of public sector financial management that CMA Canada has long advocated,” said Ms. Thomas. “None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support and leadership of the Office of the Comptroller-General of Canada.”

Also honoured at the dinner was Canadian Forces Rear-Admiral Bryn Weadon, CMM, CD, CMA, PLog, who received the first *CMA-CIPFA Lifetime Achievement Award*. Awarded at the discretion of the awards committee, Rear-Admiral Weadon, who is retiring this year, was selected as this year’s winner for a distinguished career providing financial management and comptrollership for one of the largest, most challenging and most scrutinized public budgets.

“Rear-Admiral Weadon is a prime example of a highly dedicated public servant who has devoted his career to excellence in fiscal management and as such, is most deserving of this honour,” said Ms. Mawhood.

About the CMA/CPFA Dual Designation

The CMA/CPFA Dual Designation Program was launched in October 2005 by CMA Canada and the UK-based Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. The CMA/CIPFA program is designed to provide public sector employees with comprehensive public sector financial management and strategic leadership training. It was developed with the support and guidance of the Office of the Comptroller General of Canada to maximize alignment with the new comptrollership and internal audit functions in government.

About CMA Canada

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About CIPFA

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