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Winners of the 2013 “The Aces of Finance” competition have been announced!

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada recognizes three exceptional financial executives and presents the Homage Award

MONTREAL, May 9, 2013 — The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada, an all-industry professional association for senior financial executives, is proud to announce the 2013 winners of “The Aces of Finance” competition, now in its third year. The names of the winners were unveiled on May 8, during a gala event attended by more than 325 guests, who gathered for this festive occasion at the luminous Parquet of the Centre CDP Capital building in Montreal.

This competition, presided over this year by honorary chairman Mr. Réjean Robitaille, FCPA, FCA, President and Chief Executive Officer of Laurentian Bank, targets Chief Financial Officers and Vice Presidents of Finance working in Quebec, whether or not they are members of FEI Canada. “The Aces of Finance” thus recognizes the professional accomplishments and community involvement of three outstanding financial executives. Among the nine finalists, the following three winners were selected:

“Public corporation” category:

- Mr. Alexandre L’Heureux, CFA, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer, GENIVAR Inc.

“Private corporation, including crown corporation” category:

- Mr. Marc Lapierre, CPA, CA, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Groupe Deschênes Inc.

“Emerging financial executive” category:

- Ms. Isabelle Tourigny, CPA, CA, Financial Director, Groupe Béton Brunet

An organizing committee named the nine finalists, who then met with members of an independent jury responsible for selecting the three winners. Mr. L’Heureux, Mr. Lapierre and Ms. Tourigny were chosen for their ability to leverage their knowledge, experience and even their values in order to make the best decisions and establish the best strategies for their organizations. The results generated by these three top professionals emphasize the importance and relevancy of what they do, as well as the exceptional leadership that they provide.

As part of “The Aces of Finance” competition, the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada also presented the Homage Award to a financial executive who has demonstrated excellence throughout his or her career, who positively promotes the finance profession and who serves as an inspiration to peers. This year’s recipient is **Mr. André Imbeau, Co-Founder, Executive Vice Chairman of the Board and Corporate Secretary, Groupe CGI inc.** Mr. Imbeau is a true builder of growth and a role model for all of his colleagues. The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada is proud to present this award to an executive who has been an association member for close to 18 years and who is already widely recognized by Quebec’s finance and business communities.

“The economic context of recent years, in which financial executives were required to work with even more rigor, creativity and skill, posed a real challenge,” states Mr. Carl Gauvreau, President, Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. “With this competition, we seek to recognize the efforts and contributions of our peers, who have taken up this challenge with great energy and whose actions showcase the crucial role that financial executives play in organizations across Quebec.”

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada wishes to thank all candidates who took the time to submit their entry to “The Aces of Finance” competition. Your efforts highlight the energy and vitality of the financial executive profession. The competition will return in 2014.

About Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada)

Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada) or Dirigeants financiers internationaux du Canada (DFI Canada) is the all-industry professional association for senior financial executives. With 11 chapters across Canada and 1,800 members, FEI Canada provides professional development, thought leadership and advocacy services to its members. The Quebec Chapter currently counts close to 200 members. The association’s membership, which consists of chief financial officers, audit committee directors and senior executives in the finance, controller, treasury and taxation functions, represents a significant number of Canada’s leading and most influential corporations. Further information can be found at www.feicanada.org/quebec.

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