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IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR INDUSTRY LEADERS: The CIP Society introduces the 2010 National Leadership Award Recipients

(Toronto, ON- September 14, 2010) – The CIP Society is pleased to announce the six National Leadership Award recipients for 2010. Now in its second year, the National Leadership Awards Program was created in 2009, as part of the CIP Society's 10th Anniversary celebrations, to recognize achievement in the property and casualty insurance industry across Canada and is the only national awards program for insurance professionals. This year's award recipients have stood out within the industry because of their contribution to their employers and communities and because of their impact on the property and casualty industry.

This year's award recipients of the CIP Society National Leadership Awards are:

Established Leaders:

Ron Bouwmeister, FCIP, ACS – ON

Greg Thierman, CIP, CFE – BC

Raymond White, BBA, BBED, FCIP – NB

Emerging Leaders:

Rob Bickerton, B.Comm (Hons), CFE, (Ch.P) *Strategic Wealth*,
CIM, CPA, CRM, FCIP, FCPA, FCSI, FMA, LPCS, RPLU – ON

Melanie D'Amico, CIP, CRM – ON

Mathieu Gagnon, PAA, CRM – QC

"The caliber of nominations this year was very high," said Bob Tisdale, Chair of the CIP Society National Council. "We are confident that in selecting this year's award recipients we have further established the integrity and prestige of these awards."

The award recipients are CIP Society members who lead by example to foster and promote leadership through their passion for life-long learning and their commitment to their profession and their employer. They are individuals who uphold the values of the CIP Society by demonstrating ongoing professional development and a commitment to giving back to the industry and to the communities in which they live. The award recipients have been selected because they are the industry's role models and mentors; they are consummate professionals who cultivate leadership qualities in others and are deemed to be persons of high personal integrity.

"The CIP Society has been advancing the education, experience, ethics and excellence of graduates of the Chartered Insurance Professional and Fellow Chartered Insurance Professional programs for over ten years," said Peter Hohman, CEO and president, The Insurance Institute of Canada. "It is fitting to complement The Society's development of these industry leaders with recognition of their achievements through the National Leadership Awards."

For more information about the awards program and profiles of this year's leaders, please visit www.insuranceinstitute.ca/cipsociety.



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ABOUT THE CIP SOCIETY

Founded in 1998, the CIP Society represents more than 15,000 graduates of the Insurance Institute's Fellow Chartered Insurance Professional (FCIP) and Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) Programs. As the professionals' division of the Institute, the Society offers continuing professional development, information services, networking opportunities, and recognition and promotion of the designations. For more information visit the CIP Society Web site at: www.insuranceinstitute.ca/cipsociety.

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