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Introducing Maria David Evans, IPAC's President for 2011-2012

Victoria, August 30, 2011 – A leader of Canada's public service is the new President of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).

The Board of Directors of IPAC has announced the appointment of Maria David-Evans, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations for the Province of Alberta as its 2011-2012 President. The appointment is effective at the conclusion of IPAC's 63rd Annual Conference. Maria succeeds Denise Amyot, President and CEO, Canada Science & Technology Museum.

Prior to this appointment in 2008, Maria David-Evans has held various Deputy Minister portfolios with the Alberta Government including: Children's Services; Learning; Infrastructure; and Family and Social Services. Before joining the Government of Alberta, Ms. David-Evans built her career in the public service with the City of Edmonton. She held several senior managerial positions, in the Planning Department, the Community and Family Services Department, and concluded her career with the City as General Manager of Edmonton Parks and Recreation, then the largest municipal recreation department in Canada.

Dedicated to life-long learning, Ms. David-Evans continues to pursue higher education. Her undergraduate work includes Recreation Administration, Biology, Math and Economics. She holds two Master's degrees: an MBA and an MA in Sociology and has completed all her course work towards a Ph.D in Criminology. She has taught in the Faculty of Business as a sessional instructor. She has also earned her Registered Social Worker (RSW) designation. In 2007, she was awarded a Fellowship at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, Centre for Social Innovation.

She is well known for her principles of a community-driven public service and her strong commitment to collaboration and teamwork. They have guided her in her many leadership roles, including the co-chair of the Alberta Children and Youth Initiative multi-ministry partnership, co-chair of the Federal / Provincial / Territorial Social Services Sector, Manager of Edmonton's Safer Cities Initiatives, Chair of the Partners for Youth pilot projects (a school-based multi-sectoral partnership), and as the first chairperson of the Edmonton Council Against Family Violence.

In October 2004, Ms. David-Evans was recognized nationally for her leadership and work in education by the Canadian Association of School Administrators (CASA) and was presented with their Distinguished Service Award for 2004. Twice, in 2003 and 2004, Ms. David-Evans was named as one of Canada's 100 most powerful women, an award where Maria's long history of volunteerism was a contributing factor.

Ms. David-Evans is also a member on the Board of Directors for CAREERS: The Next Generation Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Symphony Society. As well, she chairs the Winspear Centre Concert Hall Committee.

Please join me in welcoming Maria David-Evans to IPAC.

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