



Institute of Public Administration of Canada Edmonton Regional Group

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Inaugural award and dinner recognize new public servants in Edmonton Region

Edmonton... About three hundred new public servants from across the region will gather to be acknowledged for their contributions and commitment to public service over the last year during an event being hosted by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) Edmonton Regional Group at the Westin Hotel on May 12.

The award ceremony immediately precedes a dinner being hosted by the regional group of IPAC and is part of an ongoing commitment by the group to advance public service by providing networking and learning opportunities to new public service employees in the Edmonton Region.

Jennifer Keller will be named the first-ever recipient of an award of excellence for new public servants, for her ongoing commitment to service excellence and for demonstrating innovation in developing Alberta Education's Speak Out Initiative.

In addition to being recognized, new public servants and others in attendance will have the opportunity to meet and network with seasoned public sector officials in the region and hear insights from a well known local speaker.

Dr. Barry Scholnick, Eric Geddes Associate Professor of Business at the University of Alberta, will speak on the timely theme "Public Policy and the Economic Crisis."

"The IPAC Edmonton Regional Group is very proud of the work that our New Public Servants Committee has done raising awareness of the personal and professional rewards of a career in the public service," says IPAC Edmonton Regional Group Chair Michele Kirchner.

"The award being introduced at our coming event showcases the calibre of new employees entering the public service in our region."

The award ceremony and dinner will take place from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton (10135-100 Street). Media are welcome to attend.

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Attachment: Backgrounder on inaugural award recipient Jennifer Keller

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IPAC is a national organization of public servants, academics, and others interested in public administration, who work to create effective knowledge networks and leading-edge public administration research. The IPAC Edmonton Group New Public Servants Committee coordinates several events each year, including encouraging new public servants to participate in other local, provincial, and national activities.