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**XEROX CANADA AFOA EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS TO BE
RECOGNIZED AT AFOA CANADA'S 16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Montréal, Québec-February 10, 2016 – AFOA Canada (formerly the Aboriginal Financial Officer Association of Canada) is pleased to announce the 2016 recipients of the **Xerox Canada-AFOA Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award** who will be recognized Thursday February 18th during the closing banquet of the AFOA 16th Annual National Conference being held at the Fairmont, The Queen Elizabeth Hotel Montréal, QC

The *Xerox Canada AFOA Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership National Award* is presented to **Ron Jamieson, President, First Canadian Investment Ltd. Oshwegan, Ontario**

"I am very honoured to receive this prestigious recognition. Its joint sponsorship by Xerox Canada and AFOA Canada are extremely important to me on a personal level. The work of AFOA and its members is more important than ever before given the progress that our communities are making towards our rightful place in Canada. The skills that AFOA provides our people are necessary skills that will be crucial if our communities are to continue their progress. Thank you very much." States Ron Jamieson, President, First Canadian Investment Ltd.

The *Xerox Canada-AFOA Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Regional Award* is presented to **Chief Janice Henderson, CAFM, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, ON**

"I am very honoured to be a recipient of the Xerox Canada-AFOA Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award. I am also proud to have my CAFM designation and I challenge other Chiefs and/or encourage their staff to obtain their designation as there are many opportunities provided by AFOA Canada and its Chapters. This is an exciting time for our people as a result of the recent federal election. It is incumbent upon us to ensure our staff, citizens and organizations are ready to move forward in all areas of finance, management and governance." States Chief Janice Henderson.

About the Award

The Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award was created in 2004. It is designed to recognize and celebrate Inuit, Métis and First Nation achievements in finance and management.

Award recipients are selected on the basis they have supported a vision for excellence and innovation, and demonstrated advanced expertise, outstanding professionalism and leadership. Their contributions rise above and beyond their job descriptions to enrich the lives of Aboriginal people, communities and all Canadians.

There are two categories for nominations for the Xerox Canada AFOA Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award. The National category recognizes individuals who have contributed to the Aboriginal financial management profession on a national or institutional level. The Regional category recognizes those individuals who have made their contributions at the regional, local or community level.

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