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**AFOA CANADA'S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, DR. PAULETTE TREMBLAY  
ANNOUNCED AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 INDSPIRE AWARD IN EDUCATION**

**Ottawa, Ontario-October 29, 2014** – The Board of Directors, President and CEO, and staff of AFOA Canada (formerly the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada) are pleased to congratulate Dr. Paulette C. Tremblay, Director of Education and Training at AFOA Canada on the announcement of being a 2015 *Indspire Award* recipient in the Education Category. Dr. Paulette Tremblay joined AFOA Canada in 2012 to oversee the successful development and implementation of the *Certified Aboriginal Professional Administrator (CAPA)* program and has since been instrumental in the design and development of several high quality education products and financial literacy research studies for AFOA Canada.

The *Indspire Awards*, the highest honour bestowed by Indigenous people on their own achievers, have celebrated the significant contributions of Indigenous people in Canada for 22 years. The *Indspire Awards* recognize the success of individuals who have the discipline, drive, and determination to set high standards and accomplish their goals. They promote self-esteem and pride for the Indigenous community and provide outstanding role models for Indigenous youth.

*“Receiving the 2015 Indspire Award for Education is such an honour. I am humbled and feel privileged to be part of such a remarkable group of recipients this year. Being passionate about lifelong learning for our people, my work in Education has been a labour of love which I shall continue well into the future.” says Paulette Tremblay.*

Dr. Paulette C. Tremblay is a First Nations Mohawk woman from Six Nations of the Grand River, Ontario, and has worked in the public sector for almost 40 years. She is currently the National Advisory Committee Chair for the Purdy Crawford Chair at Cape Breton University, and an Associate Professor with the Indigenous Knowledge Centre at Six Nations Polytechnic.

Prior to joining AFOA Canada, she held a number of senior level positions including the CEO for the National Aboriginal Health Organization, Director of Education at the National Aboriginal

Achievement Foundation, Director of Education for the Assembly of First Nations and the Senior Administrative Officer for the Six Nations Council. She has been a former professor at the Six Nations Polytechnic Institute, Algonquin College and the University of Ottawa. Dr. Tremblay has been a curriculum designer; educational, evaluation and training consultant for the private sector; a management instructor, consultant and policy analyst for the federal government; and a high school teacher and counselor. She has also been the author of many reports, articles and educational curricula.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inspire Awards gala will be held on February 27, 2015 at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary.

### **About AFOA Canada**

AFOA Canada (formerly the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada) is a membership driven organization and was founded as a not-for-profit association in 1999. The organization supports Aboriginal professionals in managing and governing their communities and organizations through a focus on enhancing finance, management and leadership practices and skills.

AFOA Canada's premise is that the key to economic prosperity and creating a better life for Canada's Aboriginal people is in improving the management skills of those responsible for the stewardship of Aboriginal resources.

AFOA Canada has become the centre of excellence and innovation in Aboriginal finance, management and leadership. It is the largest and only organization in Canada that focuses on the capacity development and day to day needs of those Aboriginal professionals who are working in all areas of these areas. Our products and programs are developed by Aboriginal professionals for Aboriginal Professionals.

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