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Award of Excellence Recipient Recognized for Public Service

(London ON) – Kent Kirkpatrick is the 2013 recipient of the Western Local Government Alumni Society Award of Excellence. Charlotte Gravlev, President of the Western Local Government Program Alumni Society announced the award recipient today at the annual conference, held at The Lamplighter Inn in London. Kent Kirkpatrick, City Manager for the City of Ottawa, was honoured for his significant contributions to municipal administration.

The Local Government Program Alumni Society Award of Excellence was established to honour and recognize an individual who inspires others and demonstrates public service excellence. The award is presented annually in the fall at the Western Local Government Program Alumni Society conference. Eligibility for the award is open to all public servants with the exception of those holding an elected public office.

Quotes:

“On behalf of the Western Local Government Program Alumni Society I am pleased to announce Kent Kirkpatrick as the 2013 recipient of the Award of Excellence. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a true leader in our field, who has consistently demonstrated public service excellence with his commitment to improving local government and quality of life for all citizens,” **said Charlotte Gravlev, President, Western Local Government Program Alumni Society.**

“I am honoured to accept this award, and I receive it knowing that it is a reflection of the dedication of the entire City of Ottawa staff who work diligently each day to provide excellent service to the residents of Ottawa,” **said Kent Kirkpatrick, General Manager, City of Ottawa.**

“Kent Kirkpatrick possesses and exemplifies the high level of leadership quality, expertise, creativity, innovation and integrity which merit this Award of Excellence. He is a tremendous asset to the residents of the City of Ottawa and a role model and inspiration to all in our community,” **said Jim Watson, Mayor, City of Ottawa.**

“The Local Government Program Alumni Society is one of Western’s most influential and active alumni groups. The establishment of an award of excellence for both alumni and non-alumni is another example of their leadership in recognizing and honouring great public service throughout Canada”, **said Josh Morgan, Recruitment and Development Officer, Western University.**

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