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Award of Excellence Recipient Recognized for Public Service

(London ON) – Toronto City Manager Joseph P. Pennachetti is the 2014 recipient of Western University's Local Government Alumni Society Award of Excellence. Susan Reid, President of the University's Local Government Program Alumni Society announced the award recipient today at the annual conference, held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel & Suites in London. Pennachetti was honoured for his many significant contributions to municipal administration.

“The Alumni Society's Executive Committee is thrilled to honour Mr. Pennachetti with its most prestigious award that annually recognizes outstanding contributions to public service excellence,” said Reid.

“I am humbled and honoured to receive this prestigious award,” said Pennachetti. “It has been my privilege to serve in leadership positions at several municipalities, most recently for 13 years at the City of Toronto. I want to thank all of the talented and committed public service staff I have worked with over the years for their professionalism and support.”

Joseph P. Pennachetti was named City Manager for the City of Toronto in October 2008, with overall responsibility for 37,000 staff, an operating budget of about \$11 billion and a 2014-23 Capital Plan of \$28.5 billion. Toronto is Canada's largest city and the 6th largest government in the country.

“I have always admired Mr. Pennachetti. His commitment to public service excellence has helped shape my career. When I read the requirements of the Western Alumni award, he met every criteria, so nominating him just made sense. Although he is leaving us this year, his legacy will be a stronger professional and diverse public service,” said Mary-Anne Bédard, Director, Housing Stability Policy & Strategic Investments at the City of Toronto.

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.

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