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**IMA 87th Annual Conference & Exposition to Provide Skills,
Tools and Workshops to Drive Business Performance**

Montvale, N.J., April 20, 2006 – The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA[®]), the world’s leading organization representing accounting and finance professionals working inside organizations, will host its 87th Annual Conference & Exposition, June 17 to 22, 2006 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Seasoned professionals, and those just beginning their careers, will come together to participate in this 70-session conference to attain cutting-edge skills, tools and education to help them deliver decision support and drive business value.

“In today’s changing business world, accounting and finance professionals need to think strategically and cross-functionally across the organizations where they work,” said Paul A. Sharman, ACMA, IMA’s president and CEO. “Our annual conference is designed to build the capabilities of these professionals, so they can do their jobs more effectively and build quality within the company.”

The Conference will feature five learning tracks, including: Leadership Strategies and Ethics, Technology Enablement, Strategic Cost Management, Business Performance Management and Enterprise Risk & Controls. Educational session presenters include:

- **Internal Controls: What You Need to Know and Why**
Samuel T. Mok, CFO of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will explain how the DOL is changing financial control in response to the accounting scandals that have dominated the news in recent years. Management accountants must play a critical role in improving accounting systems that are not only Sarbanes-Oxley compliant, but also provide better decision-making information to management.
- **The Great Game of Business**
Jack Stack, CEO, Springfield Remanufacturing Company, will discuss his book, The Great Game of Business. This philosophy has helped take a company on the verge of bankruptcy and turn it into a successful Fortune 500 company. Teaching employees how to read financial information and take ownership of the numbers is likely the best benefit of this business philosophy.
- **Using Information Technology to Transform Business**
Taylor Hawes, Controller of Group Platforms and Operations at Microsoft, will show how Microsoft is transforming its finance function using the latest technology to reduce time to close and provide information for managers anywhere around the globe. Mr. Hawes will discuss the many projects he has led for Microsoft and the continuing developments he sees as Chair of FEI’s Committee on Information Technology and Finance.

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In addition to Session presenters, IMA spokespeople and subject-matter experts, **Paul A. Sharman**, IMA president and CEO and **Jeffrey Thomson**, vice president, Research and Applications Development will be available to answer questions about IMA or the issues discussed during the Conference. The Conference will also feature an exhibition showcase of the latest products and services of interest to the industry.

For registration information and complete details on IMA's 87th Annual Conference and Exposition, please visit www.imaconference.org.

About IMA

With a worldwide network of nearly 65,000 professionals, IMA is the world's leading organization dedicated to empowering accounting and finance professionals to drive business performance. IMA provides a dynamic forum to for professionals to advance their careers through Certified Management Accountant (CMA[®]) certification, research, professional education, networking and advocacy of the highest ethical and professional standards. For more information about IMA, please visit www.imanet.org.

Editor's Note

Working press with proper credentials will be extended passes for the conference. For press registration, please visit www.imaconference.org/press.cfm or contact Marc Gerrone, IMA Marketing Manager, Communications and Public Relations at (201) 474-1502, mgerrone@imanet.org.

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