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**THE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS AND ROBERT HALF  
INTERNATIONAL HONOR NATIONAL FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR  
Ron Riebe of KeyBank Named National Winner**

MONTVALE, N.J. and MENLO PARK, Calif. -- The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA<sup>®</sup>) and Robert Half International (RHI) today announced that Ron Riebe, vice president of Cleveland-based KeyBank (www.keybank.com), has been selected as the national winner of the 2006 Financial Executive of the Year Award. He was chosen from hundreds of nominations submitted throughout the country for executives demonstrating exceptional achievements in the finance and accounting fields.

Riebe, who joined KeyBank in 2002, is recognized for his role in contributing to the operational efficiency and profitability of his organization, including the development of automated financial models for various districts served by the company.

“The Financial Executive of the Year Award recognizes best-in-class management accounting and finance professionals,” said IMA President and CEO Paul Sharman. “As the national winner, Mr. Riebe is a perfect example of how a professional can provide value to an organization and the management accounting profession at large.”

“As a sponsor of the award, we are proud to honor the accomplishments of financial executives throughout the country,” said Paul Gentzkow, president and chief operating officer of Robert Half International. “We congratulate Ron Riebe and all of the 2006 nominees and award winners on this distinction.”

Riebe was nominated by the Ohio IMA Council and was selected as the national winner from a group of 23 regional winners. He will be honored during a ceremony and also will receive a \$2,500 scholarship donated to the school of his choice.

Regional Financial Executive of the Year Award winners were selected by each participating IMA council. For a complete list of award recipients, visit **[www.financialexecaward.org](http://www.financialexecaward.org)**.

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