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Paul Sharman Honored by Accounting Today's "Top 100" List

Montvale, N.J., October 16, 2006 - For the second year in a row, IMA President and CEO Paul Sharman was named among *Accounting Today's* 100 Most Influential People list. The special supplement appeared in the September 18-October 1, 2006 edition.

Accounting Today's annual 100 Most Influential People list, established 12 years ago, recognizes exemplary leaders in the accounting profession. The publication accepts reader recommendations, surveys the industry, and develops a broad list of candidates for consideration. The list includes management accountants, public accountants, attorneys, regulators, educators and representatives from the vendor community.

"I am honored to have been included in *Accounting Today's* influential list," said Mr. Sharman. "As leader of IMA, this honor underscores the important responsibility that I, and the organization have to uphold the quality and education of nearly five million finance function professionals in the U.S. who work in industry."

Accounting Today notes Mr. Sharman's accomplishments in branding IMA within the profession and IMA's focused efforts to strengthen the membership outside of the U.S., into China, India, and the Middle East.

Mr. Sharman joined IMA in 2004 as the Interim Executive Director, and subsequently was named President and CEO in 2005. Prior to joining IMA, Mr. Sharman was Founder and President of Focused Management, Inc., an independent cost and performance management consulting firm in Canada.

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