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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 IPANZ GEN-I PUBLIC SECTOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Wellington, 28 April 2009 - The IPANZ Gen-i Public Sector Excellence Awards finalists were announced today at an event in Wellington.

The public sector's Awards programme, which was created in 2007 by the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand (IPANZ) and ICT leader Gen-i, acknowledges and celebrates excellence across public sector agencies from central and local government.

The winners and the Prime Minister's Award for Public Service Excellence will be announced on Thursday 18 June 2009 at an event in Wellington.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Bill English, today announced the finalists, which are:

The State Services Commission Award for Excellence in Improving Performance through People

- "Ministry of Social Development, for the 'Ministry of Social Development Principle-Centred Leadership Project'
- "Hawkes Bay District Health Board, for the 'Incubator Programme'
- The Leadership Development Centre Award for Excellence in Managerial Leadership
- "Career Services, for 'Project Aspire - The Leadership Capability Programme'
- "New Zealand Police, for the 'Police Act Review Project'
- "Ministry of Social Development and The Treasury, for 'Cracking the Cost-Effectiveness Conundrum - was it the Ministry of Social Development or the Economy?'

The Te Puni Kokiri Award for Excellence in Crown-Māori Relationships

- "Ministry of Social Development, for 'E Tu Whanau Ora: Programme of Action for Addressing Whanau Violence 2008-2013'
- "Department of Labour, for 'Manaakitanga I O Tatou Marae (Taking care of our Marae)'
- "The Treasury, for the 'Central North Island (CNI) Project'

The Microsoft Award for Excellence in Networked Government

- "Ministry of Economic Development, for the 'Insolvency Law Reform Implementation Project'
- "Parliamentary Counsel Office, for the 'New Zealand Legislation System Project'

The Russell McVeagh Award for Excellence in Working Together for Better Services

- "Ministry of Social Development, for the 'Integrated Service Response' case management approach
- "Ministry of Social Development, for 'Linwood Community Link'
- "New Zealand Police, Ministry of Social Development and the National Collective of Women's Refuges, for the 'Family Violence Inter-Agency Response System (FVIARS)'
- "New Zealand Police and the Porirua City Council, for the 'Safer Porirua' project
- "Ministry of Social Development and the Families Commission, for the 'Campaign for Action on Family Violence Phases 1 & 2'

The Prime Minister's Award for Public Sector Excellence will be presented on the 18th June to the project or organisation which demonstrates outstanding achievement in one or more categories, and a sustained commitment to excellence.

The Ministry of Social Development took the Prime Minister's Award at the inaugural 2008 Awards ceremony last year for 'Improving Outcomes for Young People in Counties Manukau (Youth Gangs)'.

Ross Tanner, President of IPANZ, said that the Awards celebrate those projects and organisations that make a difference to the lives of New Zealanders, and highlight and reward significant public sector achievements. The independent judging panel looked for excellence in vision, innovation and results.

"Some outstanding programmes and activities undertaken in the public sector contribute a huge amount to the daily lives and wellbeing of New Zealanders. It is important that we recognise our 'stars', to motivate and encourage others in the sector into making a difference as well," said Mr Tanner.

Chris Quin, CEO of Gen-i, said that as principal sponsor of the awards for the second year running, Gen-i was once again impressed with the quality of this year's entrants.

"Gen-i shares IPANZ's passion for excellence and we are delighted that this year's Awards attracted a number of high calibre entries across the board. We are proud to be associated with the Awards that recognise and encourage innovation throughout the public sector," said Mr Quin.

Price Waterhouse Coopers, the State Services Commission, the Leadership Development Centre, Te Puni Kokiri, Talent2, Microsoft and Russell McVeagh are also supporting the Awards.

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BACKGROUND

About IPANZ

The Institute of Public Administration New Zealand (IPANZ) is a voluntary, non-profit organisation, committed to promoting informed debate on public sector issues. Its membership comprises a wide range of professional advisers and managers in the public sector, university students and teachers, and interested people from the private sector. The Institute arranges regular seminars for its members and interested people to provide information on and facilitate discussion of important questions of public policy and management. IPANZ publishes the quarterly 'Public Sector' journal.

The strategic goals of IPANZ include:

- promoting professional standards for public service
- being an authoritative professional commentator on issues affecting the public sector
- providing professional development for its members
- developing the profession of public service among young professionals and recruits to the public sector.

About Gen-i

Gen-i is at the forefront of helping customers take advantage of the convergence of technology and telecommunications, and the new opportunities this makes possible. Gen-i works alongside its 3,300 corporate, government and business customers to deliver seamless and integrated ICT solutions. A member of the Telecom New Zealand Group, Gen-i achieves this with the support of 3,000 highly skilled people in 17 locations across New Zealand and Australia. For more information on Gen-i, visit www.gen-i.co.nz

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