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UWINNIPEG DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA PROMOTED TO SECOND HIGHEST POSITION IN FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE

WINNIPEG— The University of Winnipeg and the Alumni Association congratulate Margaret Bloodworth on her appointment to Associate Secretary to the Cabinet, the second highest position in the federal public service. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Bloodworth's appointment along with a number of changes to the senior ranks of the Public Service today in Ottawa.

Born in Winnipeg, Margaret Bloodworth graduated from The University of Winnipeg in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. In October 2002, she was honoured with the Distinguished Alumni Award by The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association.

As the former deputy minister of transport, Bloodworth played a key role in the Government of Canada's response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. In the hours and days following the attacks, she demonstrated outstanding leadership and competence where accurate information was limited and appropriate resources were unclear.

"We're proud to have Margaret as a member of UWinnipeg's Alumni family," said Michael Bayer, President of The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association. "That is why we recognized her as a Distinguished Alumni in 2002. And, news of her promotion today is further evidence that she continues to be an outstanding public servant and graduate of this University."

UWinnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy says Bloodworth's success in the government is a demonstration of the quality of education she received, including her time at The University of Winnipeg.

"Margaret's ability to effectively make difficult judgements and provide valuable guidance to decision-makers is a testament to the quality and balance of her educational training and employment experience," said Dr. Axworthy.

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Bloodworth joined the federal public service after receiving her Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Ottawa and after she was called to the Bar in 1979. She began with the former Canadian Transport Commission, later the National Transportation Agency, where she progressed to the level of Director General for Dispute Resolution. From 1989 to 1997, Bloodworth served senior roles in the Privy Council Office with responsibilities that included Counsel, Legislation and House Planning, and Security and Intelligence. She has served as Deputy Minister for three departments: Transport, National Defence, and most recently, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

Bloodworth's appointment is effective May 1, 2006.

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