



Ken Blonski Joins CRKN as Finance Manager



Ottawa, October 6, 2009 - The Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Ken Blonski** to the position of Finance Manager. Ken assumed his responsibilities with CRKN on September 21, 2009.

Ken is a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) with over 10 years of experience in both for-profit and not-for profit organizations. He brings to CRKN experience that spans the full spectrum of finance and accounting responsibilities – from preparing monthly financial statements to installing, customizing and troubleshooting accounting processes to align with public reporting requirements of a new corporate parent organization. Ken brings a unique combination of vision and practical acumen to the position.

Prior to joining CRKN, Ken worked with a northern-based aviation company where he was responsible for preparing financial statements for a group of companies, upgrading accounting systems and designing and implementing internal controls to be consistent with CFO certification. During his time there, he was instrumental in transitioning reporting requirements as the organization moved from a private to a public enterprise. Prior to that, he worked as a consultant designing, customizing and troubleshooting accounting systems for industry and government clients. He earned an MBA from Queen's University and a BCom from the University of Alberta. He achieved his CMA designation in 2001 in Alberta. Ken has recently moved from Yellowknife to Ottawa, where he is now settling with his wife and son.

As Finance Manager, Ken is responsible for the financial management functions of CRKN. Reporting to the Director of Operations, the Finance Manager oversees the financial resources of CRKN and ensures that they are prudently and effectively managed and controlled. The Finance Manager plays a key role in the development and implementation of CRKN financial policies and procedures, as well as offering strategic and functional support for the Finance & Audit Committee. The Finance Manager serves as a resource for CRKN committees as appropriate, and provides analysis and recommendations to the Director of Operations, Executive Director, Board and other Committees.

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