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Ms. Carman has 30 years of Canadian federal government experience in areas as diverse as pre-market approval of pharmaceuticals at Health Canada, and economic policy assessment at the Privy Council Office. Since 2003, Ms. Carman has held several Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM)-level positions at Industry Canada in areas such as small business and innovation.

In April 2007 Ms. Carman was appointed Commissioner of Patents, Registrar of Trade-marks and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), a Special Operating Agency within Industry Canada.

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