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issue, we pledged to bring you at least one article in each of five topic categories, to broaden our ERM coverage. The categories include: risk identification; risk quantification; risk response; risk culture & disclosures; and a general category. We have honored this pledge once again in this issue, thanks to our contributors, our editorial staff, friends of the section, section council members and the professional editors at the SOA.

Thanks may also be due in part to our newly-introduced \$500 award for best article in one of three categories for which articles are scarce—risk identification, risk response and risk culture & disclosures. In this issue, we have six articles eligible for the award. The winner will be announced in the June 2009 issue. Please take special note of these articles and see if you can predict which will win the award.

Consider the \$500 award as a “Troubled Article Relief Program.” Now you have a shot at your own personal bailout funds—just author an article on an eligible topic. See the December 2008 Editor’s Note for a sample list of topics defining these categories.

We have not yet received any comments since last issue’s announcement of two \$50 awards for the best comments received on each issue, which we intend to publish in a reader feedback section. So, your odds of winning are pretty good right now, and all you need to do is send me an e-mail; feel free to send in any feedback, including topics you would like covered in future issues or commentary on any of the articles in this issue. We will maintain your anonymity, unless you specify otherwise.

Finally, we have made two other enhancements to *Risk Management*. In the past, we have published intermittently with about three issues annually. We are now committing to a quarterly publishing schedule. Also, in the past, we have published in black-and-white. We are now publishing in color and with a new look-and-feel. So, as of this day, change has come to *Risk Management*. We hope you enjoy it. ♦



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