



Enterprising Women Announces the Class of 2008: The Top Women Entrepreneurs in North America

CARY, NC: Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine, has announced the winners and finalists for the 2008 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to North America's top women entrepreneurs. The award winners and finalists will be recognized during a three-day tribute held in their honor from Feb. 28 to March 1 at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, FL. This is the sixth anniversary of the gala awards celebration. The Walt Disney World Company is the premiere event sponsor, with UPS serving as platinum event sponsor.

"An unprecedented number of outstanding women entrepreneurs were nominated through our Web site in October and November, and the judges selected an outstanding group of women who are very deserving of this recognition," Smiley said.

"Award recipients must demonstrate that they have fast-growth businesses, they mentor or actively support other women and girls involved in entrepreneurship, and they stand out as leaders in their communities. Many of these women are also leaders in the key organizations that support the growth of women's entrepreneurship. We have the privilege of bringing together the nation's finest women business owners to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments," Smiley said.

"Our gathering in February is an event like no other — all award recipients are influential, powerful women from a cross section of industries, with revenues ranging from \$400,000 in annual sales to more than \$140 million in annual revenues," she added.

Award winners were recognized in five categories related to their annual sales volume: 1) more than \$25 million; 2) more than \$10 million and up to \$25 million; 3) more than \$5 million and up to \$10 million; 4) more than \$1 million and up to \$5 million; and 5) up to \$1 million. The Class of 2008 includes the following winners, listed alphabetically:

Over \$25 million in annual sales revenues:

Kathy L. Bennett of Bennett Packaging of KC, Inc., Lees Summit, MO; **Susan V. Daywitt** of SLM Waste & Recycling Services Inc., Sellersville, PA; **Renee Fraser** of Fraser Communications, Los Angeles, CA; **Carolyn Gable** of New Age Transportation, Distribution & Warehousing, Inc., Lake Zurich, IL; **Cordia Harrington** of The Bun Companies, Nashville, TN; **Michelle Morey** of Magnetic Products and Services, Minneapolis, MN; **Sharon Olson** of Olson Weiss, Bloomington, MN; **Pamela Chambers O'Rourke** of Icon Information Consultants, LP, Houston, TX; **Patti A. Penny** of Penmac Personnel Services, Inc., Springfield, MO; **Ranjini Poddar** of Artech Information Systems, LLC, Cedar Knolls, NJ; **Beverly Raphael** of RCC Associates, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL; **Rosalie Stackman Edson** of Meadows Office Furniture Co., New York, NY; **Gail Warrior-Lawrence** of The Warrior Group, Inc., DeSoto, TX; and **Lisa Wexler** of Elaine Construction, Newton, MA.

Over \$10 million and up to \$25 million in annual sales revenues:

Jaki Baskow of Baskow & Associates, Las Vegas, NV; **Karen L. Draper** of S & N Pump Company, Inc., Houston, TX; **Jayne Edison** of Office Furniture Innovations, Houston, TX; **Rebecca Herwick** of Global Products, Inc., St. Peters, MO; **Kip Hollister** of Hollister, Inc., Boston, MA; **Carla Conti Kalavritinos** and **Paola Garzoni** of Premier Relocation Solutions, New York, NY; **Wendy Kalisher** of Best Press, Inc., Addison, TX; **Judith Lawton** of TLC Staffing, San Diego, CA; **Mary Ann Lievois** of iscg, Royal Oak, MI; **Nicole Loftus** of Zorch International, Inc., Chicago, IL; **Linda Magnusson-Rosario** of InSys Consulting Services, Inc., Rochelle Park, NJ; **Maura Ryan-Kaiser** and **Sheila Ryan-Felker** of Ryan, Maura and Ryan Inc., Southfield MI; **Anisa M. Telwar** of Anisa International, Inc., Atlanta, GA; **Barbara VanKirk** of IQ Inc., Murrysville, PA; **Rose Wang** of Binary Group, Arlington, VA; and **Sharon M. Weinstein** of Core Wellness International, Lake Forest, IL.

Over \$5 million and up to \$10 million in annual sales revenues:

Diann Albers of UpNorth Consulting, Inc., Bloomington, MN; **Cheryl Amyx** of Amyx, Inc., Alexandria, VA; **Julie Sue Auslander** of Corporate Subscription Management Services, Ramsey, NY; **Michelle D'Souza** of Unified Business Technologies, Inc., Troy, MI; **Barbara Fagan-Smith** of ROI Communication, Inc., Scotts Valley, CA; **Karin L. Greene, Alisa F. Levin** and **Susan Kurz Snyder** of Greene-Levin-Snyder, LLC, New York, NY; **Barbara Hendrickson** of Design Incentives, Inc., Livonia, MI; **Valerie Holstein** of CableOrganizer.com, Fort Lauderdale, FL; **Dr. Ginger Lai** of Marketing Fundamental/Gingi Inc./ABC Barter, Alhambra, CA; **Francine Manilow** of Manilow Suites, Inc., Chicago, IL; **Nancy Marshall** of Aluminum Supply Company, Inc., Detroit, MI; **Lisa Negri** of LT Environmental, Inc., Arvada, CO; **Jodi Pulice** of JRT Realty Group, New York, NY; **Frances M. Queen** of Queen Associates Inc., Charlotte, NC; **Lynne Stewart** of Superior Search & Staffing, Dallas, TX; **Barbara Stork** of Midwest Provisions, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD; and **Sally Weatherly** of Weatherly Consulting, Inc., Minnetonka, MN.

Over \$1 million and up to \$5 million in annual sales revenues:

Laura Allen of Vision Education & Media, New York, NY; **Kim Barnes** of Barnes & Conti Associates, Berkeley, CA; **Kathleen Bellwoar** of PPT Consulting LLC, Newtown Square, PA; **June Bratcher** of Daisy Tours, San Antonio, TX; **Patty Briguglio** of MMI Associates, Inc., Raleigh, NC; **Michelle Crumm** of Adaptive Materials, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI; **Carol Curran** of Phoenix Data Corporation, Indianapolis, IN; **Lisa Dolan** of Securit, Flushing, NY; **DJ Heckes** of EXHIB-IT!, Albuquerque, NM; **Margot King** of OnSite Resource, Alpharetta, GA; **Cathy Lanier** of Technology Solutions, Inc., Columbia, SC; **Lisa Pineiro** of Technical Services, Inc., Durham, NC; **Diana Richards** of Vacuum Systems International, Inc., Cleveland, OH; **Carol Kimmel Schary** of Nathan Kimmel Company, LLC, Los Angeles, CA; **Sandra Sinicrope** of ASF Interior Re-Design Inc., Alhambra, CA; **Cheryl Smith** of Kansas City Home Care, Inc., Overland Park, KS; **Laurie Sprouse** of Ultimate Ventures, Dallas, TX; **Hollis Thomases** of Web Ad.vantage, Inc., Havre de Grace, MD; **Kara Trott** of Quantum Health, Inc., Columbus, OH; and **Donna M. Vandiver** of The Vandiver Group, Inc., St. Louis, MO.

Up to \$1 million in annual sales revenues:

Eileen Carew of Direct Associates, Natick, MA; **Jennifer D. Collins** of The Event Planning Group, LLC, Washington, DC; **Nancy Denker** of Focus Ink, Inc., Albuquerque, NM; **Susie**

Duboe-Bryant of Hinsdale Furriers, Hinsdale, IL; **Ann Duncan** of Vertical Integration, Inc., Tampa, FL; **Lawrie Hollingsworth** of Asset Recovery Technologies, Inc., Elk Grove Village, IL; **Karen Karp** of Karp Resources, Southold, NY; **Deborah A. Osgood** of Knowledge Institute, Inc., Exeter, NH; and **Terri S. Williams** of ArchitectureSouth, Tupelo, MS.

The judges also selected finalists for the 2008 Enterprising Women of the Year Award. Both winners and finalists will receive recognition at the awards celebration.

Finalists for the 2008 Enterprising Women of the Award include:

Leslee A. Bassett of BBCS, Inc., Wheaton, IL; **Barbara Bosha** of Bosha Design, Drexel Hill, PA; **Barbara Cagley** of SCK Design, Inc., Cleveland, OH; **Connie Davis** of Pinnacle Performance Group, Inc., Lincolnshire, IL; **Cathy Dougherty** of Dougherty Sprague Environmental, Inc., Richardson, TX; **Megan Duckett** of Sew What? Inc., Rancho Dominguez, CA; **Leslie Farnsworth** of FrogDog Communications, Houston, TX; **Deborah Faruggio** of Task Management, Inc., Ridgefield, CT; **Sitima Fowler** of Capstone Information Technologies Inc., Rochester, NY; **Regina Foy** of TMW Enterprises, Inc., High Bridge, NJ; **Jennifer Geesey** of Central Penn Benefits, Inc., York, PA; **Frederique Georges** of Freddie Georges Production Group, La Palma, CA; **Lea-Ann Germinder** of Germinder & Associates, Inc., Kansas City, MO; **Noel Goldman** of Eureka Road, LLC, Celebration, FL; **April Grady** of AGResearch International LLC, Dallas, TX; **Christy Henry** of Sandy Valley Fasteners, LLC, Paintsville, KY; **Marion K. Hook** of Adobe Rose Inn LLC, Tucson, AZ; **Debra Horowitz** and **Regina McGuire** of Continuity Interim HR Professionals, Roseland, NJ; **Linda John** of Corporate Family Network, New York, NY; **Shelly Justice** of Convention Models & Talent, Inc., Atlanta, GA; **Lisa Kohn** of Chatsworth Consulting Group, Wayne, PA; **Dr. Sharon Livingston** of The Livingston Group for Marketing, Inc., Londonderry, NH; **Mary McFaddin** of Lord and Dominion Investments & Management Services, Union City, GA; **Christine P. Manbeck** of Kinley & Manbeck, Inc., Hampton, NJ; **Debra Pierson** of Pierson Consulting Company, Inc., Mechanicsburg, PA; **Debra Politte** and **Diane Hunter** of Dieb Enterprises, Hillsboro, MO; **Patricia Pope** of Pope & Associates, Inc., Cincinnati, OH; **Karen Russo** of K. Russo Associates, Inc., Stamford, CT; **Susan St. James** of STAFF Inc., St. Louis Park, MN; **Gina Schaefer** of Logan Hardware, Washington, DC; **Lois Scott** of Scott Balice Strategies, LLC, Chicago, IL; **Bridget Soyka-Smith** of Soyka Smith Design Studios, Upper Montclair, NJ; **Robin Throckmorton** of Strategic HR, Inc., Loveland, OH; **Lisa Torcasio** of Torcasio Sales & Marketing, San Antonio, TX; **Teresa Vidger** of Temporary Housing Directory, Inc., Plano, TX; **Doreen Vozzola** of Vozzcom, Coral Springs, FL; **Patsy A. Wells** of Wells Manufacturing LLC, Houston, TX; and **Chris Willis** of Media 1, Grand Haven, MI.

Enterprising Women, headquartered in Cary, NC, is the nation's only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners that chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence and power of entrepreneurial women. The magazine provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum, and a national stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women.

For more information, or to register to attend the 2008 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration, visit www.enterprisingwomen.com or call 919-674-6640.