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:

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/Ginki 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 AGRResearch 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 Continuiti 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.