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WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR ITS TENTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Winners Celebrated at May 21, 2009 Awards Gala at the Hilton McLean

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – May 22, 2009 – Women in Technology (WITSM), the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the Washington technology community, today announced the winners of the Tenth Annual Women in Technology Leadership Awards. In its tenth anniversary year, the 2009 Leadership Awards honor women who have excelled as mentors, leaders and role models in their professional endeavors and communities, and embody the WIT mission.

“Each year WIT presents the Leadership Awards to an exceptional list of extraordinary women and this year proved to be no different,” said Sue Liblong, president of WIT. “The awardees are pioneers in their organizations and in the local technology community and embody this year’s theme ‘Changing the Face of Technology’. We are honored to include them among a decade of WIT’s leading women.”

Winners were recognized in the following categories:

- Corporate: Jeanne O’Kelley, Vangent, Senior Vice President and General Manager
- Entrepreneur: Kelly Harman, Zephyr Strategy, President
- Government: Susan Keen, Navy Enterprise Resource Planning Program Department of the Navy, Technical Director
- Rising Star: Glenda Morgan, George Mason University, Director of Technology and Learning Initiatives
- WIT Champion: Gayle Sweeney, North Highland Group, Principal
- President’s Award: Charlotte Pelliccia, Pelliccia Communications, President
- Founder’s Award: Louise Peabody, Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Co., Partner
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Debra McKeldin, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Enterprise Architecture Strategy Group, Office of Information Services, Chief Enterprise Architect/Deputy Director
- Company Leadership Champion Award: HP and SAP

Winners were thoroughly reviewed and selected by the nominations council, which includes a WIT board member, the chair of the leadership awards committee, and two former leadership awards winners and local executives who are not members of WIT.

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About Women in Technology

Women in Technology (WIT) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to offering women involved in all levels of the technology industry a wide range of professional development and networking opportunities. One of the organization's main goals is to create a forum where women in technology can be recognized and promoted as role models. The organization's values are embodied in its tag line: *Connect. Lead. Succeed.* WIT was founded in 1994 and has nearly 1,000 members. For more information, please visit WIT's web site, www.womenintechnology.org.