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GOVERNOR RENDELL ANNOUNCES PENNSYLVANIA'S BEST 50 WOMEN IN BUSINESS

HARRISBURG – Governor Edward G. Rendell today announced the winners of the 12th annual Best 50 Women in Business and said this year's recipients have established themselves as leaders in their respective fields and are making valuable contributions to their communities and the state.

“This year's honorees are leaders who are dedicated to creating a better Pennsylvania,” said Governor Rendell. “From large to small businesses—covering a wide array of industries—these women, and countless others across the commonwealth, are making valuable contributions to the state's future. Their substantive efforts are creating new opportunities for our residents, growing the state's economy, and improving the quality of life in our communities.”

Governor Rendell added that the state has made committed to ensuring women and minorities have access to new business opportunities in Pennsylvania.

“From more contracting opportunities with the state to investment programs that provide the capital needed to grow, we're creating a system that levels the playing field for women and minorities, allowing them to compete with other companies and grow their businesses,” said Governor Rendell.

Chosen by an independent panel of judges, honorees will be recognized during an evening reception on Monday, May 21, at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg.

Each year, women from across the state are selected for their dedication to Pennsylvania's business growth, professional and personal accomplishments, community involvement and continued advocacy for women in business.

In addition to being among the state's most dynamic and distinguished women in business today, nominees must be:

- A female resident of Pennsylvania or be employed in the state; and
- An owner, partner, president, chief executive officer, board chair, in a senior executive management level position, or a woman with significant authority in decision-making in a business or company.

Winners will be highlighted in special supplements in the Central Penn Business Journal, Eastern Pennsylvania Business Journal, Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal, Pittsburgh Business Times, and Pennsylvania Business Central.

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The Rendell administration is committed to creating a first-rate public education system, protecting our most vulnerable citizens and continuing economic investment to support our communities and businesses. To find out more about Governor Rendell's initiatives and to sign up for his weekly newsletter, visit his Web site at: www.governor.state.pa.us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A list of the 2007 award winners follows.

Allegheny County

Nancy L. Bromall, shareholder
Schneider Downs & Co. Inc.
Pittsburgh

Oditza Carasco, founder, president/CEO
1st Vanguard Mortgage Company
Pittsburgh

Joan Ellenbogen, managing partner
Crawford Ellenbogen LLC
Pittsburgh

Sheri L. Stoltenberg, president and owner
Stoltenberg Consulting Inc.
Bethel Park

Berks County

Paula K. Barrett, partner
Reinsel Kuntz Leshner
Wyomissing

Bucks County

Regina A. Danko, president and owner

Tri-Ark Industries Inc.
Warminster

Karen J. Lauro, president and owner
The Philadelphia Business Works
Bensalem

Cynthia Matossian, comprehensive ophthalmologist
Matossian Eye Associates
Doylestown

Chester County

Barbara H. Deptula, executive vice president
Shire Pharmaceuticals
Wayne

Clearfield County

Aerial Fullington-Weisman, president and CEO
Fullington Trailways Auto Bus Co.
Clearfield

Cumberland County

Anne Deeter Gallaher, owner and president
Anne Deeter Gallaher Marketing
Camp Hill

Holly O'Connor, owner
One Good Woman Gifts & Gourmet
Camp Hill

Dawn Shugart, broker/owner
Dawn and Associates Realty
Carlisle

Judith A. Walter, co-owner and CFO
Zimmerman's Automotive Service Inc.
Mechanicsburg

Debra Lynne Yates, owner and administrator
Skin Rejuvenation & Laser Center
Camp Hill

Dauphin County

Patricia A. Husic, president and CEO
Centric Bank
Harrisburg

Cynthia A. Sudor, president and owner
Cynthia A. Sudor Enterprises
Grantville

Karen Young, president
HR Resolutions LLC
Linglestown

Delaware County

Gerianne DiPiano, founder, president and CEO
FemmePharma Global Healthcare
Wayne

Pamela Godwin, president
Change Partners Inc.
Havertown

Erie County

Diana L. Schaney, partner
McGill Power Bell and Associates LLP
Erie

Indiana County

Elizabeth M. Gregg, president and CEO
Environmental Service Laboratories
Indiana

Gladys Wright-Knox, president and CEO
Wright-Knox Motor Lines Inc.
Armagh

Lancaster County

Aimee Urban, general manager
Adecco, The Employment People
Lancaster

Lackawanna County

Amy Clegg, president and owner

Early Staffing Service Inc.
Scranton

Luzerne County

Mary Erwine, president
Erwine Home Health & Hospice Inc.
Luzerne

Montgomery County

Donna M. Fluehr, owner, president and CEO
Tot-Time Child Development Centers Inc.
Plymouth

Valerie K. Ginyard, president and CEO
VKG Associates Inc.
Glenside

Catherine T. Hunt, leader
Rohm and Haas Company
Spring House

Ellen E. Thompson, founder and CEO
4 Walls LLC
Narberth

Claudia Timbo, president
Corporate Call Center LLC
Blue Bell

Elaine P. Whelan, president
Mainstreet Systems & Software Inc.
Souderton

Northampton County

Sally M. Handlon, president
Handlon Business Resources LLC
Bethlehem

Gale Schmidt Hodavance, principal
Jangle Advertising and Marketing
Nazareth

Andrea Wittchen, controller and partner
Enterprise Systems Partners Inc.

Bethlehem

Philadelphia County

Janet Binswanger, executive vice president
Culinary Concepts Inc.
Philadelphia

Colleen Costello, principal
Langan Engineering & Environmental
Philadelphia

Kelly P. Finch, executive vice president
The PNC Financial Services Group
Philadelphia

Judith A. McFadden, owner and CEO
The Dental Health Center
Philadelphia

Norma Romero-Mitchell, president and CEO
Benefits Plus Consulting Group Inc.
Philadelphia

Melonease Shaw, president and CEO
Transitional Work Corporation
Philadelphia

Dana Spain-Smith, CEO
DLG Media Holdings LLC
Philadelphia

Judith M. Von Seldeneck, chairwoman and CEO
Diversified Search Ray & Berndtson
Philadelphia

Snyder County

Cynthia Romig, owner and president
C. Gee Inc.
Shamokin Dam

Westmoreland County

Michele G. Bononi, founding partner
Bononi & Bononi Inc.
Greensburg

Caroline O'Connor, owner and founder
Superior Learning Center
Irwin

York County

Susan Bailey Heinle, president and owner
Visiting Angels
York

Sharon A. Dorn, president
Clear Creek Consulting LLC
Felton

Jennifer Geesey, president
Central Penn Benefits Inc.
York

Ann M. Stacey, director
Buchart Horn Inc. / BASCO Assoc.
York