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## **The Sixth Annual Women in Technology Leadership Awards Finalists Announced**

*Awards Banquet and Ceremony to be held May 19, 2005*

Alexandria, VA—The finalists for the Sixth Annual Women in Technology (WIT) Leadership Awards have been selected. These dynamic women are being recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in the areas of mentoring, leadership and success.

The awards banquet will be held on May 19, 2005 at the McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner. Maureen Bunyan, anchor for WJLA-TV will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Since 1994, WIT has become the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the Washington technology community.

Finalists for the 2005 WIT Annual Leadership Awards include:

### **Corporate**

- Patrice D'Eramo, Hewlett-Packard
- Nancy Osmond-Hessney, Northrop Grumman
- Catherine Szpindor, Nextel Communications
- Susan Panichas, Northrop Grumman
- Dr. Lydia Thomas, Mitretek Systems, Inc.

### **Entrepreneur**

- Linda Berdine, G&B Solutions
- Virginia Littlejohn, Quantum Leaps, Inc. & Tradebuilders
- Elizabeth Shea, SheaHedges Group, LLC

### **Government**

- Linda Cureton, ATF
- Captain Anne-Marie Hartlaub, U.S. Navy
- Vickie Sliwa, U.S. Coast Guard

### **Rising Star**

- Jennifer Bleier, SAIC
- Lisa Throckmorton, SheaHedges Group LLC

### **WIT Champion**

- Dagny Evans, SoundPath Conferencing
- Marla Ozarowski, Freddie Mac

The Leadership Awards banquet will take place at the McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner, Virginia on May 19, 2005 starting with a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and dinner to follow from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Winners will be announced the evening of the event. Sponsorships and tickets are available by visiting the organization's website, [www.womenintechnology.org](http://www.womenintechnology.org)

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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. WIT was founded in 1994 and has nearly 1,000 members. For more information, please visit WIT's web site, [www.womenintechnology.org](http://www.womenintechnology.org).

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