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WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY RECOGNIZES WINNERS AT SEVENTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Winners Announced at Awards Banquet and Ceremony on May 18, 2006

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – May 19, 2006 – Women in Technology (WIT), the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the Washington technology community, announced the winners of the Seventh Annual Women in Technology Leadership Awards last night at the Hilton McLean in McLean, Va., in front of a ballroom packed with more than 250 attendees. Mistress of Ceremonies Maureen Bunyan, primary news anchor for Washington's ABC 7 News, joined WIT in presenting awards at the annual gala. The awards honored women who embody WIT's principles to connect, lead and succeed.

"It was a challenge this year to choose winners from such an accomplished group of business women," said Gayle Sweeney, president of WIT. "We were flooded with nominations this year – more than 80 women were submitted for consideration. While it made selection difficult, we are so pleased to honor these extraordinary women who are making an impact within their company and the technology community at large."

The Women in Technology Leadership awards recognizes women for their outstanding contributions in the areas of mentoring, leadership and success. Winners were awarded in the following categories:

- Government – Karyn Hayes-Ryan – Deputy Director, Acquisition Engineering/Program Manager, Engineering Enterprise – National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
- Entrepreneur – Debra Ruh – President and CEO – TecAccess
- Corporate – Barbara Anderson – Vice President, State & Local Government – EDS
- Rising Star – Leah Hooten-Clark – Senior Electronics Engineer – Northrop Grumman
- WIT Champion – Charlotte Pelliccia – President – Pelliccia Communications
- President's Award – Kathy Albarado – President – Helios HR and Toni Townes – Vice President and Partner – Unisys
- Founder's Award – Dede Haskins – Managing Principal – Cigital

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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 principles 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.womenintechology.org.