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WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awards to be Announced at May 18, 2006 Ceremony

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Feb. 1, 2006 – Women in Technology (WIT), the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the Washington technology community, is today announcing the upcoming Seventh Annual Women in Technology Leadership Awards. The awards ceremony will be held May 18, 2006, at the Hilton McLean in McLean, Va. Nominations are now open and will be accepted until March 31, 2006, for both WIT and non-WIT members. Consistent with the values of WIT, the theme for this year's Leadership Awards is "Connect. Lead. Succeed," and will recognize women who embody these ideals. Women in all technology fields who have excelled as role models, mentors or leaders are encouraged to apply.

"As with our past Women in Technology Leadership Awards, we look forward to acknowledging the talented and accomplished technology professionals in and around Washington," said Gayle Sweeney, president of WIT. "I encourage you to nominate successful women you know whose vision and leadership has delivered significant impact, within their company or the technology community at large."

There are five awards categories in which WIT is soliciting nominations: Corporate Leadership, Entrepreneur Leadership, Government Leadership, Women in Technology Champion and Rising Star. For more information on the awards, including submissions and sponsorship, please visit www.womenintechnology.org

Last year's winners included leaders from both the private and public sector, from small, boutique companies to leading global businesses and government agencies. Last year's winners follow:

- Corporate Leadership: Catherine Szpindor, Nextel Communications
- Entrepreneur Leadership: Elizabeth Shea, SheaHedges Group, LLC
- Government Leadership: Captain Anne-marie Hartlaub, U.S. Navy
- Rising Star: Jennifer Bleier, SAIC
- WIT Champion: Marla Ozarowski, Freddie Mac
- WIT President's Award: Sandy Scarce, Grant Thornton
- WIT Founder's Award: Angela Drummond, SiloSmashers
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Lydia Waters Thomas, Mitretek Systems

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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