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GOVERNOR RENDELL ANNOUNCES 50 BEST WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS; RECOGNIZES CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE'S ECONOMY, COMMUNITIES

HARRISBURG — Governor Edward G. Rendell and five Pennsylvania business journals today announced the 11th Annual Best 50 Women in Business Award winners, saying this year's recipients are helping to drive the state's economy forward and create new opportunities.

"These women, and many others, are making outstanding contributions to the economic growth and vitality of Pennsylvania," the Governor said. "We honor this year's winners for their accomplishments and how they have added to the quality of life in Pennsylvania.

"We continue to make the unprecedented investments that are revitalizing our communities, creating new opportunities for our working men and women, and fostering a competitive environment.

"Since arriving in Harrisburg three years ago, we've taken steps to ensure women and minorities have the tools they need to launch or operate a successful business. Our women business owners are taking advantage of the opportunities presented to them, and are creating opportunities for many others."

Honorees will be recognized on Monday, May 15, at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg.

An independent panel of judges selected the top 50 candidates based on dedication to business growth, professional and personal accomplishments, community involvement, and advocacy for women in business.

To qualify, a nominee must have been:

- A female resident of Pennsylvania, or be employed in the state.
- 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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EDITOR'S NOTE: A list of the 2006 Best 50 Women in Business Award recipients is attached.

Judith Albert, Co-owner
Reproductive Health Specialists
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Carol A. Ammon, Board Chairman/ Founder
Endo Pharmaceuticals
Chadds Ford, Delaware County

Ann Bartholomay, President
Annie B's Confections
Newtown, Bucks County

Diane V. Boone, Publisher/Editor
Melanian News Community Paper
Scranton, Lackawanna County

Linda Bullington, Owner
AllQuest Real Estate-Central PA, LLC
Bedford, Bedford County

Niki Campbell, Owner
Campbell Consulting PR
Seven Fields, Butler County

Ennis Carter, Founder, Director and Owner
Design for Social Impact
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Donetta D'Innocenzo, Owner
NetGain
Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County

Marsha D. Egan, Owner and President
The Egan Group, Inc.
Reading, Berks County

Babette Freund, Co-Owner
Ritner Steel, Inc.
Carlisle, Cumberland County

Patricia L. Gadsden, President/Owner
Life Esteem, Inc.
Harrisburg, Dauphin County

Ann Gdovin, President, CEO and Owner
Gdovin Personnel Inc.
York, York County

Susan E. Gove, President/CEO
Gove Group, Inc.
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Joanne B. Ladley, Co-Owner
Kitchen Kettle Foods, Inc.
Intercourse, Lancaster County

Rochelle Lampkin, Founder and Co-Owner
Bungalow VII Restaurant and Lounge
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Diana Julian Lewis, Owner & President
Artemis Office Communication & Supplies
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Kathryn L. Lima, President/Owner
Faro Enterprises
Sharon, Mercer County

Angela J. Longo, Manager
National City Bank of Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Paula Rochon Mackarey, President/Owner
Happenings Magazine
Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County

Linda R. Manfredonia, CFO/Managing Director
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Christine Marsteller, Sole Proprietor/Owner
Green Valley Formals
Stewartstown, York County

Kathleen McGehean, Owner
Salon Bella Gente
Media, Delaware County

Susan Miller, Owner
Pittsburgh Candle Company
Sewickley, Allegheny County

Beverly M. Minor, Co-owner
The Spring House
Washington, Washington County

Sherry K. Morian, President
Quality Engineering Solutions, Inc.
Conneaut Lake, Crawford County

Maureen Mulligan, Principal/Owner
Sustainable Futures
Shermansdale, Perry County

Terry Graboyes, Owner/President
Graboyes Commercial Window Company
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Donna M. Greenwood, Partner
The Executive Planning Group
Camp Hill, Cumberland County

Kathleen C. Gubanich, Managing Director
The Vanguard Group
Valley Forge, Chester County

Ann Marie Hall, Owner
FASTSIGNS
Lancaster, Lancaster County

Sydney Schwartz Hardiman, Owner
The Silken Scissor, Custom Treatments
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Tera Herman, Owner/Senior Vice President
Duncansville, Blair County

Tina D. Hiestand, President & CEO
H2, LLC
Lancaster, Lancaster County

Sally Holub, Publisher
Main Line Today Magazine
Newtown Square, Delaware County

Jami S. Karr, Doctor
Karr Chiropractic
Lancaster, Lancaster County

Stephanie Kozak-Allen, Co-Owner/Vice President
Smart Park & Expresspark, Inc.
Essington, Delaware County

Debra Dion Krischke, Owner
Three Rivers Paintball and Team Effort Events
Wexford, Allegheny County

Karen Kulp, President
Home Care Associates
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Diane M. Pearson, Director
Legend Financial Advisors, Inc.
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Frances R. Pierce, President, CEO, Board Chairman
Data Systems Analysts, Inc.
Trevose, Bucks County

Lisa A. Ritter, Partner/Owner
Boles Metzger Brosius & Ritter PC
Harrisburg, Dauphin County

Linda Rosanio, Founder/CEO
The Star Group
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Nancy J. Saxman, President
Synergy Contracting Services, LLC
Indiana, Indiana County

Jane Scaccetti, CPA
Drucker and Scaccetti
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Ivy Silver, President
The Commonwealth Consulting Group, Inc.
Jenkintown, Montgomery County

Terri Ann Sokoloff, Co-Founder & Owner
Specialty Group
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Sandy Solmon, President and CEO
Sweet Street Desserts
Reading, Berks County

Lisa Spector, Founder, President, CEO
Staffing Plus Inc.
Haverford, Montgomery County

Amy L. Veltri, President and Owner
Novel Geo-Environmental, LLC
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Lisa P. Young, Partner
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Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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