Enterprising Women Magazine Announces its Class of 2013
Prestigious Awards Program Recognizes Top Women Entrepreneurs

CARY, NC: Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of Enterprising Women magazine (www.enterprisingwomen.com), has announced the winners of the 2013 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to top women entrepreneurs from North America and around the globe. The award honorees will be recognized during a two-day event held April 3-4 at the Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale, located at 1 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, which recognize the finest women entrepreneurs in North America and beyond, is in its 11th year. It is widely considered one of the most prestigious recognition programs for women business owners. To win, nominees must demonstrate that they have fast-growth businesses, mentor or actively support other women and girls involved in entrepreneurship, and stand out as leaders in their communities. Many of the honorees also serve as leaders in key organizations that support the growth of women’s entrepreneurship.

Award winners were recognized in five categories: annual sales revenues of more than $25 million; annual sales revenues of more than $10 million and up to $25 million; annual sales revenues of more than $5 million and up to $10 million; annual sales revenues of more than $1 million and up to $5 million; and annual sales revenues of up to $1 million.

“The Enterprising Women of the Year Class of 2013 is a remarkable group of women leaders,” Smiley said. “This annual awards celebration is unlike any other event, because it honors each award recipient and brings together the finest women entrepreneurs from around the world to network, share best practices, and celebrate their amazing achievements. It really is an amazing gathering.”

Winners in the “over $25 million in annual sales revenues” category:
• Cidalia Luis-Akbar and Natalia Luis, M. Luis Construction Co., Inc. Baltimore, MD
• Mary Jamerson, Myers Autoworld, Anderson, IN
• Elle Kaplan, Lexion Capital Management LLC, New York, NY
• Lisa Nichols, Technology Partners, Inc., Chesterfield, MO
• Julie Copeland, Arbill Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
• Snoekie Mabena-Saleh, S. MAB Agency, Pretoria, South Africa
• Carmen Solano-De Carrier, Solano De Carrier, Chicago, IL
• Naseem Karsan, European Oat Millers Ltd., Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

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Winners in the “over $10 million and up to $25 million in annual sales revenues” category:

- **Therese Tucker**, BlackLine Systems, Los Angeles, CA
- **Carole Borden**, CB Transportation, Chester Springs, PA
- **Michelle Kerr**, Oxford Consulting Group, Inc., Westerville, OH
- **Bonnie Hechtkopf**, Kobie Marketing, St. Petersburg, FL
- **Jeanette Hernandez-Prenger**, ECCO Select, Kansas City, MO
- **Susan St. Germain**, TransProject LLC, Houston, TX
- **Lynlee Altman**, Pinnacle Construction, Cleveland, OH
- **G. Lavern Jackson**, Joint Logistics Managers, Inc., Prince George, VA
- **Eleanor Morgan**, MD&E Clarity, Norcross, GA
- **Nathalie R. Doobin**, Harvard Services Group, Inc., Whippany, NJ
- **Sarah Robertson**, AtoZ Media, Inc., New York, NY
- **Lynda Ellis**, Capitol Concierge, Washington, DC

Winners in the “over $5 million and up to $10 million in annual sales revenues” category:

- **Joyce Usher-Mesiano**, National Brokers Insurance Services & Monarch Intermediaries Inc., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
- **Renée Israel**, Doc Popcorn, Boulder, CO
- **Nancy Welsh**, Builders of Hope, Raleigh, NC
- **Stephanie Stober**, Flax USA, Goodrich, ND
- **Dr. Elizabeth Mary Okelo**, Makini School, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Denise Wilson**, Desert Jet, Thermal, CA
- **Brenda Loube**, Corporate Fitness Works, St. Petersburg, FL
- **Billie Redmond**, TradeMark Properties, Raleigh, NC
- **Sanquinetta Dover**, DoverStaffing, Inc. and DoverSolutions, Inc., Atlanta, GA
- **Megan Driscoll**, PharmaLogics Recruiting, Braintree, MA

Winners in the “over $1 million and up to $5 million in annual sales revenues” category:

- **Jessica Rodriguez**, Art Atlas Peru, Arequipa, Peru
- **Sally Webb Berry**, The Special Event Company, Durham, NC
- **Filomena Maria Merszei**, Jeeves (HK) Ltd., Aberdeen, Hong Kong
- **Kathy Dawson**, Dawson & Dawson Inc., Mission Viejo, CA
- **Maria Ivon Abuawad**, Laboratorio Cosmetico Colorbel S.A., Santiago, Chile
- **Sunny Chico**, SPC Consulting, LLC, Chicago, IL
- **Reshma Moorthy**, Frontier Technologies, Inc., Wilmington, DE
- **Kimberly Martinez**, Bonitas International, Newbury, OH
- **Pamela Eyring**, The Protocol School of Washington, Columbia, SC
- **Patti Winstanley**, Aztec Promotional Group LP, Austin, TX
- **Poonam Gupta-Krishnan**, Iyka Enterprises, Inc., Aurora, IL
- **Carrie Peele**, Blue Diamond Worldwide Transportation, Raleigh, NC
- **Nancy Hyde, CPA, CVA**, Hyde & Company CPAs, PC, Oklahoma City, OK
- **Nomahlubi V. Simamane**, Zanusi Brand Solutions, Randburg, South Africa
- **Janvi Patel**, Halebury, London, United Kingdom

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• Michelle Booyse, Pétanque Consultancy, Cape Town, South Africa
• Pamela Robinson, Financial Voyages LLC, Atlanta, GA
• Linda Cromwell, Being There Senior Care, Catonsville, MD
• Seonaid Mackenzie, Sturgeon Ventures LLP, London, United Kingdom
• Caryn Kopp, Kopp Consulting, LLC, Bedminster, NJ
• Vickie Rock, Victoria Court Reporting, Videography and Transcription Service, Inc., Chicago, IL

Winners in the “up to $1 million in annual sales revenues” category:
• Robin Bailey, The Legacy Connection, Tuscaloosa, AL
• Joy Lynn Fields, Joy Lynn, Inc., Roswell, GA
• Romana Fantini, Pino Gelato, Hilton Head, SC
• Stephanie Friese Aron, Pursley Friese Torginson, Atlanta, GA
• Helen Jamieson, Jaluch Ltd. and Leadership 5000 Ltd., Ringwood, Hampshire, United Kingdom
• Esther Silver-Parker, The Silver-Parker Group, Bentonville, AR
• Lynley Sides, The Glue Network/Sides & Associates, Lafayette, CA
• Kim Lewey, Lewey Landscaping & LawnCare, Inc., Raleigh, NC

2013 Enterprising Women of the Year Award finalists (listed by annual revenue level):
• Eva Sun, The Rice People, Richmond, BC, Canada
• Sheila I. Drohan, Corporate Fitness Works, St. Petersburg, FL
• Canova Clotilde, Andre Claude Canova, Lyon, France
• Jessica Johnson, Johnson Security Bureau, Bronx, NY
• Veronique James, The James Agency, Scottsdale, AZ
• Mary Beall Adler, The Georgetown Bagelry, Bethesda, MD
• Gail Tolstoi-Miller, Consultnetworx/Speednetworx, Livingston, NJ
• Kathy Miller, Total Event Resources, Schaumburg, IL
• Kelly Wold Smith, Futura Marketing Inc., Eden Prairie, MN
• Amy Letke, Integrity HR, Inc., Louisville, KY
• Stephanie Azzarone, Child’s Play Communications, New York, NY
• Lana Whitehead, SWIMkids USA, Mesa, AZ
• Sandra Wyman, Tidestone Solutions, Portland, ME
• Darlene Mack, Stefanie Prokity, and Hilda C. Stevens, Successful Innovations, Inc., Lynchburg, VA
• Denise Brinkmeyer, JUMP Technology Services, Oklahoma City, OK
• Jennifer Varner, Pure-Ecommerce.com, Cary, NC
• Nina Eisenman, Eisenman Associates, New York, NY
• Tiffiny Flaim, Biofoam Inc., Chicago, IL
• Kim Rasmussen, It’s a Sign, Oak Park, IL
• Laura Sanchez, SWATware LLC, Chicago, IL
• Margot Knorr Mancini, Technology for Publishing, Bolton, MA
• Anne Roberts, Anne Roberts Gardens, Inc., Chicago, IL
• Melody Stevens, Melody Stevens/Time Millionaire, Spotswood, NJ

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- Amy Friedman, BroadBlast, Inc., Delmar, NY
- Kimberlee J. Burt, A Child’s Space Early Learning Center, Chicago, IL
- Angelique M. Koopmans, SheSuit BV, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Katie Gutierrez Miller, Assistant Match, Baltimore, MD
- Ruwena Healy, Marketing 24/7, Inc., Trussville, AL
- Kate Ryan Reiling, Morphology Games, Minneapolis, MN
- Robin L. Bylenga, Pedal Chic, Greenville, SC
- Clare Schexnyder, Oh Baby! Fitness, Decatur, GA
- Elisabeth Maria Werter, Salonica International Consultancy, Thessaloniki, Greece

About the 2013 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration:

The 2013 Awards Celebration will bring together dynamic women business owners from North America and around the world for two days of dynamic workshops, networking opportunities, corporate sponsor exhibits, and award presentations. The celebration will shine the spotlight on the 2013 Enterprising Women of the Year Award winners and finalists, with awards presentations at the April 4 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Gala Dinner.

The annual awards celebration honors recipients of the Enterprising Women of the Year Awards — outstanding women entrepreneurs who have demonstrated that they own and manage fast-growth businesses, mentor and give back to help other women business owners, and are leaders in their communities. It also offers unparalleled networking opportunities for women business thought leaders and established and emerging women entrepreneurs from the United States and around the world. Widely regarded as one of the premier networking opportunities for women business owners in North American and beyond, the event is open to winners of the Enterprising Women of the Year Award, corporate supporters, members of the Enterprising Women Advisory Board, VIPs in the women’s business community, readers of Enterprising Women magazine, and members of the many partner organizations affiliated with Enterprising Women magazine.

Nine sponsors have committed their support to the 2013 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards. “The strong corporate support for the Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration this year is an indication of the commitment these top-notch organizations have to supporting the growth of women’s entrepreneurship,” Enterprising Women Publisher and CEO Monica Smiley said. “We are honored to have the support of these outstanding companies.”

This year’s event sponsors include:
- Premier Level: Office Depot and Verizon Wireless
- Diamond Level: Center for Women in Business
- Platinum Level: UPS, Walmart/Sam’s Club, and AT&T
- Gold Level: American Airlines and The Coca-Cola Company
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Partner organizations represented on the Enterprising Women Advisory Board and supporting the 2013 Awards event include:

- Women Presidents’ Organization (WPO)
- Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)
- Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
- National Women Business Owners Corporation (NWBOC)
- Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW)
- Center for Women in Business (CWB), U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Center for Women’s Business Research (CWBR)
- Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC)
- Quantum Leaps
- Springboard Enterprises
- UnitedSucces
- Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBEC)/ Women Entrepreneurs Inc. (WE)
- Count Me In for Women’s Economic Independence (Make Mine a Million $ Business)
- Women’s Leadership Exchange (WLE)
- Asian Women in Business (AWIB)
- eWomenNetwork (EWN)
- Association of Women’s Business Centers (AWBC)
- National Association of Women REO Brokerages (NAWRB)

For more information or to register to attend the 2013 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration, visit www.enterprisingwomen.com/EWofYearAwards.htm.

About Enterprising Women Magazine:

Enterprising Women magazine (www.enterprisingwomen.com), headquartered in Cary, NC, is celebrating its 13th anniversary in 2013. The nation’s only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners, it chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence and power of entrepreneurial women. Enterprising Women provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum, and an international stage for the critical issues confronting women’s businesses and daily lives, all from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women. The magazine’s digital edition (launched in 2008) reaches nearly one million top-level women entrepreneurs in 185 countries around the globe.

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