

Albuquerque, NM (August 9, 2013) - The New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering (NMNWSE), in partnership with the NM Commission on the Status of Women, initiated in 2007 the NMNWSE IMPACT! Award to recognize the achievements and contributions of New Mexico women who reach out to help others succeed. NMNWSE has extended the deadline for nominations for the 7th Annual IMPACT! Award to Monday, September 9, 2013.

Nominations forms plus instructions can be downloaded from <http://nmnwse.org/ImpactAward/>.

The award will recognize a New Mexico woman for her extraordinary efforts in encouraging entry into and career development of women in science and engineering.

"There are women throughout New Mexico working in the STEM fields that deserve this recognition," states Jennie DeMarco, IMPACT! Award organizer. "We want to honor their dedication and commitment to furthering the rise of women in these career fields."

Nominees do not need to be members of NMNWSE and, for the purposes of the award, science and engineering includes mathematics and all engineering fields as well as physical, biological, behavioral, medical and social sciences, and related technical and non-traditional fields.

The IMPACT! Award will be presented at the Networks' Annual Meeting and Technical Symposium on Saturday, October 26, 2013 in Mountainair, NM.

For more information, please contact the Network at NMNWSE_Board-L@list.unm.edu.

NMNWSE began in 1975 with a core group of faculty and staff from UNM wanting to reach out to women in science as a group. Incorporated in 1979, NMNWSE works to encourage and help women enter and succeed in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and allied careers and promote networking and communication among members by providing regularly scheduled meetings, talks and other local activities. In 1980 NMNWSE began hosting annual technical career workshops for young women, licensed from the National Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network. Each year about 1000 New Mexico teens and their teachers attend these free or low-cost NMNWSE EYH conferences. NMNWSE's Annual Meeting and Technical Symposium provides members an opportunity to present technical papers in a supportive environment as well as professional development and networking opportunities.

The NM Commission on the Status of Women was created by state statute to increase the knowledge of rights, responsibilities and interests of women and girls in New Mexico and to preserve women's history and contributions to our state. This program that empowered lower and middle class women was terminated in 2011 through a line item veto by Governor Susana Martinez.

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