

## News Release

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### HONORING WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING LOCAL WOMENS' ORGANIZATIONS SEEK NOMINATIONS

**Albuquerque, NM (May 20, 2009)** – The New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering (NMNWSE), in partnership with the NM Commission on the Status of Women, seeks nominations for the **3rd Annual IMPACT! Award**. 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.

"This is the third year for the IMPACT! Award that provides recognition to women who all too often go unrecognized for their contributions," states Nancy Weinbrenner, Award Chair for the NMNWSE Board. "I urge you to take the time to nominate someone you know who deserves consideration for this award."

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.

Nominations forms plus instructions can be downloaded from <http://www.nmnwse.org> or [www.womenscommission.state.nm.us](http://www.womenscommission.state.nm.us). **The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 18, 2009.** For more information, please contact the Commission at 1-800-432-9168.

The **IMPACT! Award** will be presented at the Networks' Annual Meeting and Technical Symposium on October 16-17, 2009 in Algodones, NM.

The 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. Since then, the Network has worked to encourage and help women enter and succeed in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers and promote networking and communication among members by providing regularly scheduled meetings, talks and other local activities.

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.

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