

## News Release – Businesswoman of the Year Recipients Announced

(OTTAWA, April 30, 2010) - The Women's Business Network of Ottawa is pleased to announce the 2009 recipients of the Businesswoman of the Year Awards, officially unveiled at a Gala held at the Hampton Inn and Conference Centre last night.



“The Women's Business Network of Ottawa has been busy for many months leading up to what was a spectacular evening that reflected the best of professional women in the business community”, said Sue Smarkala, President of Ottawa Women's Business Network, (WBN). “We were delighted to officially announce this years' category recipients and have the opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of these amazing women”, adds Smarkala.

Businesswoman of the Year Awards, (BYA), recognize the accomplishments of women who live, work and play an active role in a business within the National Capital Region. Honored for their proven business acumen, outstanding leadership skills, exemplary community involvement and demonstration of a balanced lifestyle, the recipients are:

### Professional Businesswoman of the Year

The following category recipient holds a professional designation and is responsible for growing her own practice.

Recipient: [Brenda Hollingsworth](#), Partner, Auger Hollingsworth

### Entrepreneur Businesswoman of the Year

The following category recipient is a significant shareholder in her business and has taken entrepreneurial risk.

Recipient: [Mia Hempey](#), President and CEO, CTE Solutions Inc.

### Corporate Businesswoman of the Year

The following category recipient holds a senior position in, and significantly contributes to, a publicly traded or privately owned business.

Recipient: [Erin Crowe](#), Executive Vice President, CFO and Alternate Governor, Senators Sports & Entertainment

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### **About The Women's Business Network of Ottawa**

Relationship building is the foundation of The Women's Business Network, (WBN), and is the key to creating strong business networks and community involvement. With a diverse and dynamic group of 155 businesswomen from the National Capital Region, the WBN is celebrating 29 years of facilitating educational development opportunities for Ottawa's businesswomen in the spirit of entrepreneurial success. [www.womensbusinessnetwork.ca](http://www.womensbusinessnetwork.ca)



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