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2010 WBE of the Year

Women's Business Development Center - Minnesota Fifth Anniversary Celebration of Success Was Held on March 3.

The Women's Business Development Center – Minnesota (WBDC-MN) honored the achievements and success of its members and supporters of women's economic development at its Fifth Anniversary Celebration of Success on Thursday evening, March 3, beginning at 5 p.m., at the Calhoun Beach Club, 2925 Dean Parkway, in Minneapolis.



Sponsored by the organization's founding partners, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Lurie Besikof Lapidus & Company, LLP and M&I Bank, as well as a number of women-owned companies and corporate partners, the event was attended by over 200 women entrepreneurs, corporate supplier diversity representatives, and local community partners.

Since its launch in 2003, the WBDC-Minnesota has undergone tremendous growth, creating a powerful network of over 300 women's business enterprises (WBEs). With combined revenues of over \$2.5 billion dollars, this growing network of women-owned businesses is finding success by targeting Fortune 500 corporations as clients, as well as doing business with each other.

WBE of the Year Award to Innovative Office Solutions and its president and CEO, Jennifer Smith, who was recognized for her company's success in leveraging its WBE status to secure business, and for her outstanding contributions to the community, especially her dedication to supporting other women business owners. Since becoming WBE certified in 2007, the company's revenues have grown over 210%, and are projected to reach \$40 million in 2011.

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