

## **Ten Female Executive Business Owners Receive Global Awards at Inaugural Canadian Summit**

*Global EXEC Women* magazine recognized four recipients and six honorees, semi-finalists, and finalists to honor them with the *International Women of Influence Awards*<sup>™</sup>. The awards were presented during a reception on the 40<sup>th</sup> floor of the Royal Bank of Canada corporate headquarters in Toronto. This was part of a celebration reception for the inaugural launch of WEConnectCanada's Annual Knowledge Transfer Conference: "Opening Doors for Women Business Owners."

The *International Women of Influence Awards*<sup>™</sup> are an initiative from *Global EXEC Women's* International Council, which is comprised of Consul Generals, trade commissioners and country representatives from Australia, China, England, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom. They are committed to promoting female executives' leadership roles in global business. The *International Women of Influence Awards*<sup>™</sup> seek to honor women who are changing the way global business is conducted. These women have reached international status for outstanding work in their fields and are known for their leadership and achievements.

The independent judging process begins with a review of the qualified nominees by members of the *Global EXEC Women* (GEW) International Council. The final judging was completed by a team of female business executives, which included Angela Hofmann, Senior Director, International Affairs, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Vicki Hamilton, Senior Vice-President, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. and judging committee chair who stated, "I am truly enthralled to have participated in the awards process this year. The judging was extremely competitive due to the high caliber of nominees."

The 2009 Canadian *International Women of Influence Awards*<sup>™</sup> recipients are Corporate: Mary Livingston, Vice President - Canada, Caribbean and Latin America, AT&T; Emerging/Growth Company – Canada: Barbara Mowat,

**About Global EXEC Women**

*Global EXEC Women* magazine (GEW) is an award-winning, multi-lingual, online and print publication that features female business executives, women business owners and entrepreneurs that conduct international business. Last year, the publication was selected to be included, in the seat pocket of Delta Air Lines' inaugural flight to China. GEW produces global webinars with industry female executives and we contribute to cause marketing to support women in developing countries who need working capital. We honor global business leaders hosting our annual *International Women of Influence and Luminary Awards*<sup>™</sup> presented in partnership with elite women's organizations. Upcoming awards presentations will be in April 2010 in Cairo, Egypt. For more information visit, [www.globalexecwomen.com](http://www.globalexecwomen.com).

**About WEConnectCanada**

WEConnectCanada is a Canadian non-profit organization that is opening doors to new supply chains. Led by corporate members, it certifies firms that are at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by women. They connect them with the growing global demand from corporations and the public sector for diverse and innovative suppliers. They host the Annual Knowledge Transfer Conference, which features panel discussions on topics such as supplier diversity in Canada, opportunities, challenges, and building relationships. The next annual conference will be held in the fall of 2010. For more information visit, [www.weconnectcanada.org](http://www.weconnectcanada.org).

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