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**Forum for Women Entrepreneurs (FWE) of San Diego
Becomes Part of WITI (Women In Technology International)**

SAN DIEGO, January 3, 2005 – FWE’s San Diego Chapter has announced it’s entire chapter will now be part of WITI, and has officially become the WITI San Diego Network **effective immediately**. This decision was made after the group’s parent chapter, based in the Bay Area, made an organizational decision to consolidate its operations into a single national entity, discontinuing localized, affiliate chapters as of December 31, 2004.

WITI San Diego will be led by Carey Harrington, the Director of the Leadership Council and supported by the existing leadership council including Jennifer Beckey, the current Chair of the Council. Ms. Beckey founded the San Diego Chapter of FWE in January 2001. Maintaining its structure as a local entity, the new WITI Regional Network (as WITI chapters are called) will be comprised of the same local membership. “We are all very enthusiastic about our new affiliation with WITI. When we looked at WITI’s vision for women, the breadth and depth of WITI, both nationally and internationally, we felt WITI would be an ideal fit in opening up opportunities for all of our members. San Diego is fortunate to have a strong and decisive board that was able to move quickly in order to provide our members a seamless transition into local 2005 programming,” said Carey Harrington.

“We enthusiastically welcome Jennifer Beckey, Carey Harrington and this entrepreneurial group of women into WITI’s Global Network. WITI has spent the last 24 months rolling out its new technology infrastructure, forming key media partnerships and expanding its tools and resources to help WITI members achieve unimagined possibilities”, said Carolyn Leighton, CEO and Founder of WITI.

Maintaining its longtime tradition, the San Diego Regional Network will host consistent and valuable monthly meetings, which focus on educational and networking programs for tech-savvy women executives and entrepreneurs in diverse industries. These include: life sciences, information technology, financial, insurance, marketing, public relations, consulting, training, and many others. They will also continue to partner with technology, life sciences and economic development organizations in the local community.

“This will be an amazing evolution for the group”, said Ms. Beckey. “Foremost, beyond the ability to provide local programs, the truly national and international scope of WITI’s organization allows us to enhance our mission of providing women executives and entrepreneurs access to an incredible network.”

ABOUT WITI

For the past 15 years, WITI has been the leading organization for professional, tech savvy women worldwide. With a global network of smart, talented women and a market reach exceeding 2 million, WITI has established powerful strategic alliances and programs to provide connections, resources, and



opportunities within a supportive environment of women committed to helping each other. WITI's mission is to empower women worldwide to achieve unimagined possibilities and transformations through technology, leadership and economic prosperity.

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