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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Albuquerque, NM (March 25, 2008) – 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 **2nd 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.

“Last year was the first year for the IMPACT! Award and we received a surprising number of excellent nominees. We are hoping for even more participation this year. This Award seeks to recognize women from around the state who have been actively involved in educational outreach, re-entry programs, networking and/or mentoring, and who have otherwise encouraged or promoted equal participation by women in science and engineering will be nominated for our award,” states Nancy Weinbrenner, Award Chair for the NMNWSE Board.

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 www.nmnwse.org or www.womenscommission.state.nm.us. 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 25, 2008 in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

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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