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Gail Warrior-Lawrence wins Women Business Enterprise  
Advocate of the Year Award from WBCS

**Desoto, Texas–January 21, 2009**–The Women’s Business Council–Southwest (WBCS) named Gail Warrior-Lawrence, president of The Warrior Group in Desoto, winner of the WBCS Women’s Business Enterprise Advocate of the Year Award. Warrior-Lawrence accepted the award at the 13th annual WBCS Parade of Stars Gala at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas Tuesday evening.

This award recognizes a Women Business Enterprise owner or an individual employee of a WBE who demonstrates advocacy of women-owned business development. This person consistently shows support of WBCS and other organizations through her leadership and service.

The Warrior Group, founded in 1997 by Warrior-Lawrence, is the largest minority- and women-owned permanent modular construction company in the country. The company specializes in creating multi-level modular buildings for housing, office, and industrial space. The company has built a number of modular barracks for military personnel at numerous bases throughout the country.

Warrior-Lawrence is not only active in WBCS, but serves on a variety of non-profit boards, including Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Council, Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, African American Museum, and the Women’s Enterprise Leadership Forum. She is also on the advisory board of *Enterprising Women Magazine*.

“Gail is a member of the WBCS Board of Directors and one of our most successful WBEs, yet she still finds time to reach out to less established WBEs who can benefit from her wisdom and expertise,” said Debbie Hurst, president of WBCS, a non-profit organization representing women-led businesses throughout north Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

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“She consistently serves as an outstanding example for all members through her commitment to excellence and her business acumen.”

The Warrior Group has been a WBCS member since November 2001.

### **About WBCS**

Headquartered in Arlington, Texas, WBCS is dedicated to increasing mutually beneficial procurement opportunities between certified woman-owned businesses, corporations, businesses, government entities, institutions and other organizations. With more than 700 WBE members and 80 corporate sustaining members, WBCS is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year of providing national certification to women-owned businesses. To find out more about the WBCS please visit [www.wbcswest.org](http://www.wbcswest.org). WBCS is a regional affiliate of Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) covering Oklahoma, north Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico. Founded in 1995, WBENC has become a powerhouse organization for women entrepreneurs across the country.

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Editor's Note: A photo of the WBCS Gala winner is available. To request a digital photo, please contact Ebbah Tokwe at 972-717-3500 x 233 or email [etokwe@transsynergy.com](mailto:etokwe@transsynergy.com)