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Windstream Communications' Wendy Raney Named WBCS'  
Corporate Advocate of the Year Award

**DALLAS—January 21, 2009**— Wendy Raney, Vice President of Procurement & Logistics, with Windstream Communications, was honored Tuesday evening by The Women's Business Council Southwest (WBCS) as the Corporate Advocate of the Year. Raney accepted the award at the WBCS 13th annual Parade of Stars Gala at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

The Corporate Advocate of the Year award goes to an individual buyer, purchasing manager, contract negotiator, or supplier diversity coordinator employed by a company or organization that is a Sustaining Member of WBCS. The awards salutes the individual's and company's innovative approaches that significantly expand opportunities for WBEs within the corporate and business community, as well as consistent support for WBCS.

Raney is responsible for implementing policy on procurement efforts and all indirect spending for Windstream Communications, which is based in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is an active board member of the Arkansas Mississippi Supplier Diversity Council and a member of National Minority Supplier Diversity Council, as well as the Women Business Enterprise National Council, which supports both minority- and women-owned businesses.

Windstream Communications is a wireline telecommunications and entertainment company offering voice, broadband, and satellite services. The company has 7,400 employees.

“Wendy was an instrumental part of the success of women business enterprises in 2008,” said Debbie Hurst, president of WBCS, a non-profit organization representing women-led businesses throughout north Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. “She consistently serves as an outstanding example to all members through her commitment to excellence to business and women.” Windstream Communications has been a WBCS Sustaining Member since 2003.

**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)