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W.net Appoints 2009 Board of Directors

February 19, 2009, Winder, GA -- Women Networking in Electronic Transactions (W.net) is proud to announce its 2009 Board of Directors.

As 2009 unfolds, W.net will embark on several exciting new initiatives targeted towards the empowerment, career growth and advancement of women in the electronic transactions industry. Among these initiatives is the appointment of an Executive Director to lead the business and growth strategies of the W.net group.

"I am honored to be surrounded by such diversity, wisdom and strength that this consortium of women deliver on behalf of W.net's Board of Directors," stated Shannon Byrne Susko, W.net's President.

The key initiatives for this board involve furthering W.net's strategic goals. Among these are continued growth of Local Interest Networking Circles (LINC's) to help connect women and provide professional development opportunities locally; expanding the Gateway to Success Mentoring Program to engage and support women; and cultivating relationships with corporate partners to provide tools, support and connections that propel women in their careers in electronic transactions.

The 2009 W.net Board of Directors is:

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About W.net (www.w-net.biz)

Women Networking in Electronic Transactions (W.net) was founded in 2005 to inspire and empower women in the electronic transactions industry to maximize their individual potential and position themselves for greater personal success.

Empowering success — one woman at a time