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WOMAN OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

DAYTON, OHIO -- The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) is pleased to announce that the Society's award of Woman CPA of the Year was presented to Linda Bergen, CPA on September 30th in Philadelphia at the organizations 2005 Joint National Conference.

Bergen has been a Vice President in Citigroup's Corporate Accounting Policy department since 1997. She provides transaction accounting advice to the business and leads Citigroup's efforts to implement new accounting standards for consolidation of special purpose entities, guarantees, liabilities and equities, and sales of financial assets, follows the development of new accounting standards and publishes a weekly update of what's new at FASB and the SEC and other significant accounting developments for distribution to Citigroup's financial management.

Previously, Bergen was at J.P. Morgan & Co. for eight years, where she was the head of the accounting policies department and also of the public and regulatory reporting departments. She was responsible for SEC and Federal Reserve filings, as well as risk based capital and analysis of consolidated financial results. Bergen previously spent eleven years at Coopers & Lybrand, specializing in financial institutions.

Bergen is chair of the AICPA's WorkLife and Women's Initiatives Executive Committee and has also been a member of other AICPA committees, including the Depository Institutions Expert Panel, the Stockbrokerage and Investment Banking Expert Panel, and the FAS 140 Audit Issues Task Force. She also worked with the AICPA's Financial Instruments Task Force to develop an abstract on derivatives accounting and auditing.

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Bergen is vice chair of The Bond Market Association's Accounting Policy Committee and a member of the committee on bank accounting and reporting. She is also a member of the Accounting Policy Committees of the Securities Industry Association and the International Swaps and Derivatives Association. Bergen was chairwoman of the New York Clearing House's FIN 46 implementation committee and is a member of their financial reporting committee. She was formerly chair of the New York Clearing House's derivatives disclosure task force.

Bergen has been an adjunct instructor of accounting, financial management and mathematics for Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations since 1980. This Cornell program targets adult students, largely women and minorities, who are working full-time for various companies that sponsor them and have not previously completed a bachelor's degree. Most students also have families to raise while working and attending college. She is a Past President of the AWSCPA and the organizations New York City Affiliate and served on their boards for many years. She has worked on the programming committee for the Joint National Conference of the AWSCPA for the last two years. Bergen has a B.A. in Mathematics and an M.B.A. in Accounting from New York University, where she was graduated with distinction. She also pursued graduate studies in mathematics. Bergen is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

AWSCPA, organized in 1933, is the only national organization committed to the development and advancement of women CPAs in the accounting profession. For its members, AWSCPA provides:

- Resources and support for professional and personal development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession

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