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AWSCPA ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL DIRECTOR

DAYTON, OHIO (JULY 2006) – The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants is pleased to announce the election of Wendy Lewis, CPA to national director-west for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Wendy is the Controller for Jim R. Smith & Company in Houston, Texas. Jim Smith is the largest individual owner of shopping centers in the Houston metropolitan area. The company owns and manages over 2,000,000 square feet of lease space. Wendy's duties encompass human resource and payroll functions, as well as all areas of finance including day-to-day operations, financial reporting and lender relations, tenant contact, and preparation of all tax returns for the business entities, employees and family members. Because of the Smith's vast business and philanthropic interests, Wendy also spends a large amount of time researching a variety of topics.

Wendy received a BBA in accounting from the University of Texas San Antonio. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Texas State Board of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) - Houston Chapter, and the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants - Houston Affiliate.

Charitable and civic activities have always been important to Wendy. She served on her homeowners association board as their treasurer for twelve years. She is an active member of St. Thomas Presbyterian Church. She was the adult choir president for numerous years, and served as a Ruling Elder for a three year term. Wendy has participated on several church committees, and been active with various mission projects in Houston, as well as at previous churches in Huntsville and San Antonio. She has served on the board of the Houston Affiliate in different capacities, and as president for the 1996-1997 year.

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:

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- Resources and support for personal and professional 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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