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**WATKINS, MEEGAN, DRURY & COMPANY, L.L.C. (WATKINS MEEGAN) MEMBER
NAMED FINALIST FOR WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY AWARDS**

Bethesda, MD – Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company, L.L.C. (Watkins Meegan) is pleased to announce that Louise M. Peabody, Member, CPA, has been named a finalist in the Women in Technology (WIT) 10th Annual Leadership Awards. WIT is a not-for-profit organization in the Washington, D.C., area that provides professional development and networking opportunities for women in the technology industry.

The Leadership Awards recognize women who have excelled as role models or leaders or who have demonstrated leadership success in their field. Louise is one of 20 finalists across five categories in the Leadership Awards, and she has been nominated for the WIT Champion award, which recognizes her commitment as an active member of the organization.

Louise has been a member of WIT for more than five years and she has held a variety of leadership positions within the organization. She previously served as treasurer of the board, chairperson of the Women Business Owners Special Interest Group, and chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Louise currently is a board member and treasurer of the Women in Technology Education Foundation. She has previously been nominated for the WIT Champion award.

Starting at Watkins Meegan in 1995, Louise first joined the firm as part of its Government Contracting and Technology Group. She has been a Member since 1999, and she currently works with clients in industries varying from information technology, government contracting, aviation, and manufacturing, as well as not-for-profit organizations.

In addition to providing traditional audit and accounting services, Louise consults extensively on policies and procedures and internal controls development, Sarbanes-Oxley implementation, and government contract cost accounting and compliance. She also manages the firm's audits of employee pension plans. Prior to joining Watkins Meegan, Louise was the controller for a start-up aviation company and a consultant on financial, accounting, and technology issues for small businesses.

In addition to her active involvement in WIT, Louise is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and serves on the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants' Ethics Committee. She also teaches seminars on employee benefit plans and pension plan compliance and contributes to the firm's *Technology Outlook* newsletter.

WIT will honor all of the finalists at a special awards ceremony on May 21 at the Hilton McLean in McLean, Va. For more information on the awards, visit www.womenintechology.org. For more details about Watkins Meegan and Louise Peabody, visit www.watkinsmeegan.com.

Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company, L.L.C. was founded in 1975 and has grown steadily to rank today among the 100 largest Certified Public Accounting firms in the nation. The firm is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, with additional offices in Tysons Corner, Virginia, and Annapolis, Maryland. It offers a vast array of services including tax compliance and consulting, auditing and accounting, business process outsourcing, forensic accounting, government services, and more. In addition, we are proud to be a member of the International Group of Accounting Firms (IGAF), one of the oldest, largest, and most well respected accounting networks in the world, with 140 firms with over 250 offices in 61 countries.

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