

**PATRICIA C. POPE IS NAMED A FINALIST FOR THE 2008
ENTERPRISING WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

CARY, NC –Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* Magazine has announced that Patricia C. Pope, CEO of Pope & Associates, Inc. is a 2008 Enterprising Women of the Year Award Finalist. Patricia and her late husband, Merlin G. Pope, Jr., founded Pope and Associates, a global consulting firm that has specialized in diversity, inclusion and culture change since 1976.

Based in Cincinnati, the firm has consulted with over 250 of the Fortune 500, as well as numerous small companies, non-profit entities, educational institutions and community-based organizations. In 2007, Patricia was featured in “Profiles in Diversity Journal, as one of the “diversity pioneers” in the United States, and Merlin was also recognized as one of the early pioneers in the diversity industry.

The Enterprising Women of the Year Award honors the country’s finest women entrepreneurs and their remarkable success. The award also recognizes honorees as leaders who have mentored and given back to other women in business, and have had a profound impact on their communities. Award recipients will be honored at a gala dinner on Feb. 29 at Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, FL as part of a three-day celebration held in their honor.

“Our award honorees are accomplished entrepreneurs who have earned the respect and admiration of their communities,” Smiley said. “This award is a testament to

each woman's remarkable accomplishments and we are proud to honor their business success."

About *Enterprising Women* Magazine:

Enterprising Women, headquartered in Cary, NC, is the nation's only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners that chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence, and power of entrepreneurial women. The magazine provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum, and a national stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women. For more information, please visit www.enterprisingwomen.com or call 919-362-1551.

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