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### THE NETWORK JOURNAL ANNOUNCES ITS 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL “25 INFLUENTIAL BLACK WOMEN IN BUSINESS”

#### *Brenda Blackmon, Co-anchor My9 WWOR-TV, Is Mistress of Ceremonies at the March 11 Celebratory Awards Luncheon in New York City*

NEW YORK, N.Y. (January 2010) — *The Network Journal*, an award-winning business magazine providing news and commentaries on issues that affect the growth of businesses and the advancement of professionals in the workplace for an audience of predominantly African-American professionals, corporate executives and small-business owners, announces its 2010 list of “25 Influential Black Women in Business.” The select group will be profiled in the special March issue of the magazine and will be formally honored during Women’s History Month at the “Twelfth Annual 25 Influential Black Women in Business Awards” luncheon on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The event will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, located at 1535 Broadway (between 45<sup>th</sup> & 46<sup>th</sup> streets) in New York City, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“The women we are honoring in the twelfth year of these awards are, as usual, in the forefront of American leadership and symbolize the diversity and advancement that have occurred across industry lines,” *TNJ* Publisher and CEO Aziz Gueye Adetimirin said. “We salute them for achieving significant levels of success in their businesses and professional careers and for their myriad contributions to their community.”

This year’s extraordinary honorees are:

**Kenetta Bailey**, Senior Vice President, Marketing, WE Tv and Wedding Central

**Vanessa Best**, President and CEO, Precision HealthCare Consultants

**Jackie Carter**, Vice President & Publisher, Non-Fiction Books Scholastic Inc.

**Candi Castleberry-Singleton**, Chief Inclusion & Diversity Officer, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UMPC)

**Susan E. Chapman**, Global Head of Operations, Citi Realty Service, Citi Inc.

**Denise Coley**, Director, Global Supplier Diversity Business Development, Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Michelle Drayton**, President & Publisher, Today's Child Communications

**Nichelle Gainey**, Founder & President, SilverStone International, LLC

**Angela E. Guy**, Senior Vice President, General Manager, SoftSheen-Carson

**Gale Stevens Haynes, Esq.**, Provost, Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus

**Vy Higginsen**, Executive Director, Mama Foundation for the Arts

**Hilda Hutcherson, M.D.**, Associate Dean, Clinical Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons

**Arlene Isaacs-Lowe**, Senior Vice President, Moody's Investors Service

**Gail L. Moaney**, Executive Vice President, Director Ruder Finn

**Elizabeth D. Moore**, General Counsel, Consolidated Edison Company of NY, Inc.

**Lesia Bates Moss**, President, Seedco Financial Services

**Meme Omogbai**, Chief Operating Officer & Deputy Director, Newark Museum

**Diane Bemus Patrick, Esq.**, Partner, Ropes & Gray LLP

**Theresa H. Peterson**, Manager External Affairs & Technology Programs; Director of Government Relations, GE Global Research

**Alana Ward Robinson**, Owner & Managing Principal, Robinson Group Consulting, Inc.

**Tina A. Robinson**, Senior Vice President, Regional Manager, Union Bank, N.A.

**Delena Sunday**, Executive Vice President, Human Resources & Diversity Affairs, Nordstrom

**Mavis T. Thompson, Esq.**, President, National Bar Association

**Teresa Taylor Williams, Ph.D.**, CEO & Founder, TTW Associates, Inc. / New York Trend Newspaper

**Donna Sims Wilson**, President, M.R. Beal and Company

The program includes a cocktail networking reception, lunch and awards presentation with Mistress of Ceremonies Brenda Blackmon, Fox/My9 News. As a signature *TNJ* event which attracts a “Who’s Who” of business executives and decision makers from various industries, the luncheon sells out each year.

Tickets are \$250.00 if purchased before March 5<sup>th</sup> and \$300.00 thereafter. **Save even more with our on-line special - \$225.00.**

Sponsors this year are: **AXA, Entergy, L’Oreal USA, Upscale Magazine, WNYC, and WBL5-FM.**

#### **About The Network Journal**

Founded in 1993, *The Network Journal* is an award-winning magazine published each month, except for combined issues in July/August and December/January. It provides news and commentaries on issues that affect the growth of business and the advancement of professionals in the workplace for an audience of predominantly African-American professionals, corporate executives and small-business owners. Engaging more than 86,000 readers, *The Network Journal* is distributed nationwide, with a focus on the northeast region. For more information call 212-962-3791, or visit the *TNJ* Web site at [www.tnj.com](http://www.tnj.com).