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NEC'S ADVANCED STORAGE PRODUCTS VICE PRESIDENT NAMED AS FINALIST IN 5TH ANNUAL STEVIE® AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Stevie Award Winners to Be Announced in New York on November 14

Santa Clara, Calif. — October 21, 2008 — NEC Corporation of America, a premier provider of IT, network and retail solutions, today announced that its Vice President of Advanced Storage Products, Karen Dutch, was named a finalist in the "Best Executive, Non-Services Businesses, More Than 2,500 Employees" category in the 5th Annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business.

"Karen Dutch is an enthusiastic and tireless leader who has earned the respect of her peers and set an example for others to follow," said Dave Davenport, senior vice president of IT Platform and Solutions Groups at NEC Corporation of America. "It is gratifying to see that her accomplishments are being recognized outside of the company by prestigious organizations such as the Stevie Awards."

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business honor women executives, entrepreneurs and the companies they run — worldwide. The Stevie Awards have been hailed as the world's premier business awards.

More than 1,200 entries were submitted for consideration in 50 categories, including Best Executive, Best Entrepreneur and Best Community Involvement Program. NEC's Karen Dutch is a finalist in the "Best Executive, Non-Services Businesses, More than 2,500 Employees" category. The category recognizes individual women executives for their accomplishments.

Karen Dutch has more than 30 years experience within the storage industry and developed advanced storage solutions for both open systems and mainframe platforms. As vice president of the Advanced Storage Products Group at NEC Corporation of America, Karen is acknowledged for her leadership in strategy, marketing, sales and support for NEC's next-generation storage products.

Karen's work has generated numerous accolades for the products she manages. In 2008, HYDRAsstor was named Storage Magazine-SearchStorage.com's 2007 backup and disaster recovery product of the year, and NEC was listed by TheInfoPro (TIP) as a top vendor considered for deduplication by end users. TIP also found that Fortune 1000 companies saw NEC as one of the technology providers having the most exciting storage products/services, according to TIP's "Most Exciting Storage Vendor" list.

In May of 2008, Karen was named a 2008 American Business Awards finalist for "Best Hardware Executive," along with leading her team to two additional ABA awards wins for Best New Hardware (HYDRAstor HS8) and Best New Financial Services Product (NEC Express5800/1320Xf).

In addition, Byte & Switch, a premier storage trade publication, listed Karen as one of the "Top Women in Storage" in 2007. The current storage landscape is a male-dominated industry, but through Karen's hard work and determination to pioneer cutting-edge grid storage technology, Karen has become an executive whose day-to-day decisions affect the way companies think about and manage data. Her drive, years of experience, passion for the storage industry, persistence for excellence, and commitment to well-planned execution have established her as a leading storage industry executive.

Nicknamed the Stevies for the Greek word "crowned," winners will be announced during a gala event at the Marriott Marquis hotel in New York on Friday, November 14. Nominated women executives and entrepreneurs from the U.S. and several other countries are expected to attend.

"Being named a Finalist in The Stevie Awards for Women in Business is an important achievement," said Michael Gallagher, president of the Stevie Awards. "It means that independent business executives have agreed that the nominee is worthy of recognition. We congratulate all of the Finalists on their achievement and wish them well in the competition."

Finalists were chosen by business professionals worldwide during preliminary judging. Members of the Awards' Board of distinguished Judges and Advisors and their staffs will select Stevie Award winners from among the Finalists during final judging.

Details about The Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at www.stevieawards.com/women.

About NEC Corporation of America

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About The Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in four programs: The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, The Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and The Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about The Stevie Awards at www.stevieawards.com.