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Breaking Ground Contracting Company's Mary Tappouni Stevie Awards Finalist

Jacksonville, FL October 24, 2007 - Breaking Ground Contracting Company, a commercial general contracting firm headquartered in Jacksonville, FL, is pleased to announce that Mary Tappouni, President, has been named a finalist in the *American Business Award's Stevies for Women in Business 2007* for Best Entrepreneur. Tappouni is among seven other finalists in the Under 100 Employee category with companies represented across the United States and as far away as South Africa. The Stevies are open to organizations and companies around the world.

Mary Tappouni was nominated for her extensive work promoting green building and sustainable business practices throughout North Florida. Her general contracting firm, Breaking Ground Contracting Company, provides education and resources to employees, clients, government leaders, non-profit organizations, and members of the community through various activities such as workshops and seminars. She also incorporates environmentally-responsible construction methods on Breaking Ground's projects and offers sustainable options to her clients. Her corporate social responsibility extends throughout her business, including mentorship training for senior leadership, support of local and national non-profit organizations, and incentives for employees to drive fuel-efficient vehicles.

The Stevie Awards were created to honor and generate public recognition of the efforts, accomplishments, and positive contributions of companies and business people worldwide. Beginning with The American Business Awards in 2002, The International Business Awards in 2003, The Stevie Awards for Women in Business in 2004, and The Selling Power Sales Excellence Awards in 2006, our mission is to raise the profile of exemplary companies and individuals among the press, the business community, and the general public. In short order, the Stevie has become one of the world's most coveted awards. The New York Post called the Stevies "the business worlds own Oscar Awards."

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business are governed by a Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors that features many leading figures in business. All women entrepreneurs and executives worldwide are eligible to participate in the awards. (Continued Page 2)

The Stevie Awards Winners will be announced at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas on Monday, November 12th.

About Breaking Ground Contracting Company

A State-of-Florida certified woman owned business, Breaking Ground Contracting Company is an award-winning, commercial general contractor providing quality construction services to both public and private clients. With demonstrated experience in health and fitness facilities, institutional and government projects, as well as numerous specialty construction projects, Breaking Ground offers clients the solutions they need to reach their construction goals. The company's portfolio includes new construction, renovations, tenant build outs, and additions with services in general and sustainable (LEED) construction, pre-construction, design/build and construction management. Breaking Ground Contracting Company strives to be a leader in sustainable construction through their commitment to high-performance building and environmentally conscious practices. For more information on Breaking Ground Contracting Company, please visit their website at www.breakinggroundcontracting.com or contact Ellen Leroy-Reed at (904) 388-1350.

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