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**TRACY DUBERMAN, FOUNDER & CEO OF THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP, NAMED FINALIST FOR
THE LEADING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESS OWNERS INITIATIVE**

NEW YORK, NY May 30, 2013 – Hundreds of nominations were received from women entrepreneurs who are all accomplished, intelligent and inspired by their work; these trend-setting women make a difference in their companies, industries and communities. Their contributions have given rise to the creation of the *Leading Women Entrepreneurs and Business Owners Initiative*, an honor which was open to the women of our state who have been keeping the small business economic engine warm in these troubled times.

Among The 2013 finalists are Tracy Duberman, Ph.D., FACHE , President and CEO of The Leadership Development Group, Inc (TLD Group) a nationally recognized leading development firm specializing on making a positive impact in industry by enhancing physician, healthcare and corporate executive leadership performance. Tracy is an executive coach, organizational development consultant, business owner, frequent keynote speaker, Board member of the Physician Coaching Institute, and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. With a background combining business experience with innovative research on healthcare/physician leadership effectiveness, Tracy has created a practical and powerful platform for leadership development.

“We congratulate Tracy Duberman on her accomplishment of being a leading woman entrepreneur. I am very excited about the 2013 initiative in partnership with *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* that honors women business owners because women are the forerunners to the economic recovery of our state. Over the last twenty years, women have surpassed men at twice the rate for starting their own companies. Our joint project presents phenomenal exposure for their efforts and the issue that finalists are listed in will reach over 750,000 households,” states Linda Wellbrock, Founder of Leading Women Entrepreneurs.

The mission of the *Leading Women Entrepreneurs and Business Owners* initiative is to commend women entrepreneurs for their service, leadership, contribution to their communities and the state’s economic recovery. After analyzing hundreds of entries, an independent committee selected the initial finalists for phase one of the competition who were judged in four areas: Market Potential, Innovation, and Advocacy for Women and Community Involvement.

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Finalists are then automatically submitted for phase two of the competition. This list will be further analyzed by the Advisory Board to assist in selecting the Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs who will be recognized on December 5, 2013 at Fiddlers Elbow Country Club at a cocktail reception. For more information contact: Linda Wellbrock, (201) 388-9624; linda@leadingwomenentrepreneurs.com.

ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Leadership Development Group, Inc. (TLD Group) is a global executive assessment, leadership coaching and group development firm dedicated to enhancing executive and organizational effectiveness in multiple industry groups, with a clear focus on the healthcare industry. TLD Group partners with those who deliver insights and services that enable physician leaders and senior executives to lead more effectively. For more information on TLD Group, visit www.tldgroupinc.com.

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