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**Linda Harvey-Burkley Named Among Best 50 Women by Governor Rendell**  
***Program Strengthens Commitment to Women and Minority-Owned Businesses***

**Harrisburg, PA** – Linda Harvey-Burkley, Principal of Ardis Strategic Communication & Training, was named among the winners of the 2008 Best 50 Women in Business by Governor Edward G. Rendell.

According to the Governor's office, "An independent panel of judges selected top 50 candidates based on their dedication to business growth, professional and personal accomplishments, community involvement, and advocacy for women in business. Recipients must also be a female resident of Pennsylvania, be employed in the state as an owner, partner, president, chief executive officers, board chair, in a senior executive management-level position, or a woman with significant authority in decision-making in a business or company."

"Once again this year, choosing just 50 women out of all the worthy nominees we received wasn't easy," Governor Rendell said. "...All of the winners have one thing in common—they're all hard-working people who are making Pennsylvania a better place to live, work and play."

Winners will be honored at several events in Harrisburg on May 19, including an afternoon reception at the Governor's Mansion and an evening reception at the Whitaker Center. Honorees will also be highlighted in a special supplement to appear in business journals throughout the Commonwealth.

Burkley has been the Principal of her own communications firm, Ardis Strategic Communications & Training since 2002. She served as President of the Butler County Chamber of Commerce for nearly a decade and has also taught at Slippery Rock University and Butler County Community College.

She has been extremely active in the community throughout her professional career, including holding board memberships with the Community Development Corporation of Butler County, the Workforce Investment Board, CareerTRACK, Leadership Butler County and the Rotary Club of Butler. A graduate of the Pittsburgh Regional Champions program, she also served as the Chairperson of the Endowment for Butler County, President of Soroptimist International and was a Junior Achievement middle school consultant for 12 years. Currently, she is a board member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Butler County and serves on the Editorial Board of Northern Connection Magazine.

A native of Butler County, Harvey-Burkley received her B.A. from La Roche College, her M.A. from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management (IOM). She was awarded her Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) in 2005. She resides in Harrisburg with her husband and twin boys.

**About Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business**

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