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**WITI (WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL) CONFERENCE DRAWS  
TOP FEMALE TALENT IN TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY**

***Representatives from IBM, Raytheon, Google, Symantec and Others  
Look Toward Industry's Future***

**San Jose, Calif., Dec. 5, 2005** – This week, WITI's (Women in Technology International) annual conference "Taking the Lead...in the Digital Age," will welcome executives from around the world to address the latest issues facing women and technology. Most recently, conference organizers confirmed participants from Oracle, Google, Gateway and Symantec to convene a panel discussion on "**Women in High-Tech Channels**" – a panel of female alliance executives that will discuss the challenges of running some of today's leading technology channel programs and the role women will play as the channel emerges as one of the key areas for organizational growth opportunities.

WITI, the nation's leading professional organization for tech-savvy women, is hosting its annual conference December 8 and 9 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. This is WITI's single largest event of the year where women can exchange ideas and opportunities with innovative decision-makers from both established and emerging companies.

To demonstrate such real-world opportunities, WITI organizers have also confirmed several leading executives from Warburg Pincus, IBM/WebSphere and Google for a panel entitled "**What New Technologies Can Grow My Business?**"

This year's conference covers a wide array of sessions covering Professional Development, Business Toolkit and Technology Trends and Innovations. These three tracks provide attendees various opportunities to expand and gain new personal and business knowledge during the two-day conference.

"Our mission is to empower women worldwide to achieve unimagined possibilities and transformations through technology," said Carolyn Leighton, CEO, chairwoman and founder of WITI. "As technology constantly evolves, so does the interest and content for WITI's events. We strive to bring the best knowledge, experience and creativity together in a forum that will provide our members and special guests an unparalleled professional experience."

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Sponsors and exhibitors of this year's conference include: Best Buy, Dell, Google, IBM, Intel, Qualcomm, Raytheon, Skype, Sun Microsystems, Texas Instruments and more.

This year, WITI also celebrates its 10th annual Hall of Fame Awards, a program established in 1996 to recognize outstanding women for their research contributions and achievements in science and technology. WITI 's Hall of Fame is considered the most prestigious award given to women who have made significant contributions in the fields of science and technology. In celebration of the anniversary, this year's event will honor both 2005 recipients and past inductees. Previous winners include: Carol Bartz, long-time CEO of AutoDesk; Donna Shirley, manager of the Mars Exploration Program during the phenomenally successful Pathfinder/ Sojourner Mars landing in 1997; Ruth Leach Amonette, the first-ever female Vice President of IBM; and the ENIAC programming team, the groundbreaking, six woman team appointed by the U.S. Army during World War II to program the first all-electronic digital computer.

For more information, visit [www.witi.com/sv](http://www.witi.com/sv).

#### **About WITI**

Since 1989, WITI is the premiere global trade professional association for tech-savvy women who acquire wealth, power and influence in the business marketplace. With a global network of smart, talented women and a market reach exceeding two million, WITI has established powerful strategic alliances and programs to provide connections, resources, and opportunities within a supportive environment of women committed to helping each other. WITI's mission is to empower women worldwide to achieve unimagined possibilities and transformations through technology, leadership and economic prosperity.

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