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### LOCAL WOMAN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD

**January 8, 2008, Murrysville, Pennsylvania:** Barbara VanKirk, President and Owner of IQ Inc. will be honored by Enterprising Women's Magazine as one of 2008's Enterprising Women of the Year Award winners. This award honors the country's most outstanding women entrepreneurs for their tremendous business success and the profound impact they have on their community. "The Enterprising Women of the Year Award" celebration brings together the nation's finest women entrepreneurs to recognize their accomplishments and celebrate their outstanding achievements. "The award recipients are influential, powerful women with high-growth businesses who are leaders in their communities and have given back to mentor other women entrepreneurs," says Monica Smiley, Publisher and CEO of Enterprising Women's Magazine.

Award recipients will be honored at a gala dinner on Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa located in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Barbara VanKirk established IQ Inc. fourteen years ago with the intent to provide expert consulting, staffing, project management and software development services to companies with Information Technology and software needs. As the market began to change, Ms. VanKirk adapted her business to fit the emerging needs including providing software for local non-profit agencies, as well as catering to multiple small to medium size business concerns. IQ Inc. is a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) through the Port Authority of Allegheny County and a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBENC) through the Women's Business National Council. IQ Inc. continues to benefit from steady growth and success under Barbara's leadership.

*If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Barbara VanKirk, please contact Jaclyn Livengood at 724.327.3441 or e-mail [Jackie@IQ-INC.com](mailto:Jackie@IQ-INC.com).*

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