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AWC Proclaims Maria Henneberry as 2008 Headliner Award Recipient

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Maria Henneberry, owner of Contemporary Visuals and radio talk show co-host in Bloomington, Ill., has been named the AWC Headliner Award winner for 2008 by the Association for Women in Communications (AWC).

The AWC Headliner Award recognizes an AWC member who has recent national accomplishments, as well as consistent communications excellence. Established in 1939, the award has been given to more than 200 AWC members. Henneberry will be presented with the award during the 2008 AWC National Conference at the Headliner Awards Luncheon on Sat., Sept. 26, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

Henneberry began Contemporary Visuals, a multi-media production company, with her husband after graduating from Illinois State University. They have grown their business to include a range of clients from nonprofit agencies and universities to Fortune 500 companies. They've received significant recognition for their freelance work, including two nationally-recognized "Telly" Awards for educational video projects.

She is also a distinguished television journalist and anchor, and previously worked as a news reporter/on-air personality at WJBC/WBNQ radio in Bloomington, Ill. Currently, Henneberry co-hosts a vibrant radio morning show on Cities 92.9 – an all-talk FM station in which she and another host discuss topics regarding politics, family issues and daily news. She is the only local female voice heard on the station, and the only female talk show voice heard on weekdays and weeknights.

Henneberry leads by example, and routinely gives back to her colleagues and community. She was chosen as a Bloomington-Normal Hometown Hero in her early 20's for helping bring the AWC Regional Conference to town, which helped generate thousands of dollars for the local economy. Years later, under her leadership as chapter president, the AWC Bloomington/Normal, Ill., Chapter won the AWC national award for most improved chapter.

The Association for Women in Communications is a professional organization that champions the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communications era. For more information, go to www.womcom.org.