



TURKNETT
LEADERSHIP
GROUP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 14, 2009

Media Contact: Susan Hitchcock, Vice President 770-270-1723
susanhitchcock@turknett.com

Subject: Top Georgia leaders in business and non-profit have been nominated for the 6th annual Turknett Leadership Character Awards. The Awards presentation, in conjunction with the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character at Kennesaw State University is open to the public. Registration is now open for the event to be held February 16th at the Grand Hyatt in Buckhead.

Nominees Are In for 6th Annual Turknett Leadership Character Awards

Top Georgia leaders nominated for the 2008-2009 Turknett Leadership Character Awards include, in the CEO/President/Managing Partner Category: **Phil Tomlinson, TSYS; Billy Hayes, Northside Hospital-Cherokee; Diane Prucino, Kilpatrick Stockton; and Spurgeon Richardson, ACVB.** Nominated in other categories were: **Luz Borrero, City of Atlanta; Stan Engel, UPS; Stacie Hagan, Earthlink; Donna Stone Buchanan, Jr. Achievement of Georgia; Vikki Millender-Morrow, Girls Inc.; Gary Miller, Jewish Family & Career Services, Inc.; Jack Shipkoski, American Cancer Society; Michael Petrik, Alston & Bird; Dean Lawrence Benbenisty, Emory University; and Jack Hardin, Rogers & Hardin.** For a complete list: www.turknett.com.

Presented by Turknett Leadership Group in partnership with Kennesaw State's Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character, the awards are supported by Presenting Sponsor KPMG and Gold Sponsor Crawford & Co. Nominees and winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony February 16, 2009.. Information and registration at www.acteva.com/go/turknett.

The Leadership Character Awards recognize the correlation between an organization's ability to achieve and the character of its leadership. Nominated individuals and companies demonstrate integrity; relate to customers, suppliers, co-workers and others with respect; and maintain a culture in which everyone takes responsibility for achieving results while upholding the organization's core values.

A four person advisory group consisting of **Oz Nelson**, retired chairman and CEO of UPS, **Conchita Robinson**, president and CEO of C Robinson Associates, Inc., **Dr. Betty Siegel**, president-emeritus of Kennesaw State University and **W. Thomas Smith**, Founder and Managing Partner of Total Technology Ventures will select award winners from the 44 individuals nominated..

The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, an academically based institute at Kennesaw State University, seeks to inspire, enable and promote ethical conduct, decision-making and leadership for the common good.

Turknett Leadership Group is a management consulting firm based in Atlanta that has assessed and developed high level leaders and their organizations throughout the U.S. for more than 20 years. Using sophisticated assessment tools and leadership coaching, the Turknett professional staff combines psychologist expertise in the behavioral sciences and practical business and executive management experience. They serve small, mid-sized and large organizations such as AGL Resources, American Cancer Society, AT&T, Bennett International Group, Freebairn &

Co., Georgia-Pacific Corp., Hewlett-Packard and Mercer Human Resources Consulting. For more information go to www.turknett.com.