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ATHENA + Male Champion of Change Awards Nominations Open

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Nominations are now being accepted for the annual ATHENA and Male Champion of Change Awards. Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.WLCglobal.org and are due by Feb. 15, 2019, at Noon for consideration.

Finalists and awards will be presented at the awards luncheon on April 4, 2019, at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center. The luncheon will feature a keynote address from Andrea Conner, President of ATHENA International.

The ATHENA Leadership Awards honor individuals who demonstrate excellence creativity and initiative in their business or profession, who provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community, and who actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

Nominees must meet and excel in the following four areas:

- Be a leader in her business or profession
- Be a role model/mentor to other women in not only her profession but her community
- Display creativity and innovation and contribute these talents to the growth of her profession
- Contribute time and energy to community betterment

The Male Champion of Change Award is designed to recognize men who step up alongside women as male allies. These men encourage others to take notice of the power of women as leaders and can illustrate the positive impact gender diversity has on an organization.

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Nominees must meet and excel in the following areas:

- Exhibit exceptional commitment to the acceleration of women in leadership
- Utilizes his influence, talents, and abilities to enhance gender diversity

The mission of ATHENA International is to support, develop and honor women leaders, to inspire women to achieve their full potential, and to create a balance in leadership worldwide. Since 1982, more than 6,000 ATHENA Awards and Global ATHENA Leadership Awards have been presented by ATHENA International in more than 500 communities in the U.S., Canada, Russia, China, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

Women Lead Change is a non-partisan, 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement, development and promotion of women, their organizations and to impacting the regional economy.

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