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**TERRAFUGIA COO ANNA MRACEK DIETRICH CHOSEN  
AS A "WOMAN TO WATCH"**

*Mass High Tech honors 10 women in technology with 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Women to Watch" Awards*

**January 23, 2009, BOSTON, MA** – Ten women who excel in technological innovation, entrepreneurship and community involvement are being honored as leaders in their field through the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Women to Watch" Awards, announced today by Mass High Tech: The Journal of New England Technology.

The publication, working with an advisory panel drawn from some of the region's leading academic and business institutions, selected the 2009 honorees, who exemplify the best and brightest among women at the highest level of technology businesses in New England.

The 10 women will be recognized as an evening gala at the Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, on Thursday, March 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The women are being honored for their outstanding dedication to technology, entrepreneurship, lifelong learning and civic responsibility.

"This is our sixth year honoring women working throughout the innovation economy. Each time we go through the nomination process, we are amazed at the entrepreneurial spirit of women doing great things within the largest corporations and the smallest startups," said Douglas Banks, Mass High Tech editor.

"These women are bringing technologies out of the labs and into markets where they can benefit all of us, whether in life sciences, information technology, alternative energy or transportation," said Michael Olivieri, MHT's publisher. "But beyond their contributions as technologists, each gives back to the community in their own way. "

The nomination process closed in early January, with almost 100 submissions received. A short list of 25 candidates was created, and the advisory committee met to make final 10 selections.

The Women to Watch program offers a positive view of a segment of the business community, women who have proven accomplishments, and are viewed as industry leaders of the future. of their successes ahead of them.

The 10 Women to Watch in 2009:

- \* Jill Becker, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge NanoTech Inc. in Cambridge
- \* Sangeeta Bhatia, Co-founder, Hepregen Corp. in Winchester and Professor of Health Sciences and Technology, MIT
- \* Amy Cueva, Founder and Chief Experience Officer, Mad\*Pow in Portsmouth, N.H.
- \* Heather DeJesus, Director of Program Management, Azima DLI in Woburn
- \* **Anna Mracek Dietrich**, Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer, Terrafugia Inc. in Woburn
- \* Sandra Glucksmann, Senior Vice President Research and Business Operations, Cerulean Pharma Inc. in Cambridge
- \* Susan Leschine, Founder and Chief Scientist, Qteros Inc. in Marlborough and Professor, Department of Microbiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- \* Ronnie Maffa, Director of Social Software Product Development, IBM Corp.
- \* Mondira Pant, Lead Technologist, Intel Corp.
- \* Yvonne Spicer, Vice President, National Center for Technological Literacy, Museum of Science Boston

Terrafugia (terra-FOO-gee-ah), based in Woburn, MA, is comprised of a team of award-winning engineers who have been advancing the state of personal aircraft since 2006. Founded by five pilots who are graduates of MIT and supported by a world-class network of advisors and private investors, Terrafugia's mission is the innovative expansion of personal mobility. "Terrafugia" is Latin for "escape from land."

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