

Valley accounting entrepreneur wins national honor



Carolyn J. Brown

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For nine years, Carolyn J. Brown has run a paperless accounting company that hires high-level employees in accounting who want to leave the corporation and work at home.

Brown, CEO of the Accountant's Office of Chandler, is in the process

of hiring her sixth accounting associate.

Now, she has topped finalists from across the country to win a national award from the U.S. Small Business Administration. She will travel to Washington, D.C., this month to receive the National 2010 Women in Business Champion Award.

"She is the first woman business owner who's received this national

award in the memory of our office," said Stephen Hart of the Arizona region of the SBA.

Brown will pick up district (state-wide) and regional awards May 20 at the Arizona Biltmore at an occasion co-sponsored by the Arizona Small Business Association and the SBA.

The recipient of the Women in Business Champion of the Year Award must be a person who has ful-

filled a commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership.

"Carolyn runs her business with the utmost integrity and with extraordinary care for her clients," said Donna Davis, CEO of the ASBA. Davis nominated Brown for the award.

"She has been a constant and dili-

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gent role model for other women in business," Davis said.

Brown was a charter member of the Phoenix chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, an organization that turns 25 this year. She is a past president.

Paperless company

She founded her company in 2001. It is a paperless company in which she hires women who have worked in the corporate arena, in roles such as controller, who now want more flexible

hours or want to be stay-at-home moms.

"God has really blessed me with a great team to work with and wonderful clients to work for," she said.

She does personal and business accounting, from a single person to limited partnerships and trusts. Her company does bill paying, sales taxes, payroll, financial statements and invoices — everything except income taxes.

She recently began an e-mail newsletter that offers a weekly business tip.

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