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Local entrepreneur is NAWBO Business Owner of the Year

Ocotillo resident and local businesswoman Carolyn J. Brown, CEO of The Accountant's Office LLC, was selected as 2008 Business Owner of the Year by the Phoenix Metro Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO).

"What an awesome honor to be selected as NAWBO Business Owner of the Year!" says Brown, a past president and charter member of the Phoenix chapter and one of nine nominees for the organization's highest honor. Criteria for the award include business growth, creative initiatives, overcoming obstacles, differentiation from the competition and community service.

Brown says her firm's creativity and flexibility set them apart.

"Your Virtual Accounting Office' was created by requests from our clients for services to meet the needs of a business owner with a growing business," she explains. "They wanted to free their time to grow their business while having the peace of mind that



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TOP BIZ: NAWBO Business Owner of the Year Carolyn J. Brown, center, is congratulated on her award by event emcee Katie Raml of KNXV-TV Channel 15, left, and NAWBO Phoenix President Choo Tay.

comes from knowing that a professional is handling

their financial affairs."

Having owned six businesses since 1973, Brown understands the needs of others with small companies. Her firm's innovative "Invisible" bill paying service is for busy people "who have complex financial affairs, who travel a lot ... who just don't like to pay bills."

About 300 NAWBO members, dignitaries and guests attended the Desert Diamonds Awards Gala in mid June, including Cindie Hubiak, president of the Arizona Society of CPAs, along with several clients and members of Brown's staff.

NAWBO Phoenix, started in 1985, has been named one of the five most influential business organizations in the Valley by the Phoenix Business Journal and is the fourth largest of the more than 80 chapters nationwide.

For additional information, visit www.TheAccountantsOffice.biz, www.nawbophx.org or call Brown at 480-219-4285.

*I was incredibly honored
& humbled by this recognition.
Carolyn*