

## Woman to receive national SBA award

Accountant's Office CEO to be honored at Washington, D.C., gala

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Carolyn J. Brown, CEO of the Chandler-based company The Accountant's Office, has topped finalists nationwide to win a national award from the U.S. Small Business Administration.



**Carolyn J. Brown**

She will travel to Washington, D.C., in May to receive the National 2010 Women In Business Champion Award at an SBA gala.

"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 (statewide) and regional awards May 20 at the Arizona Biltmore at an occasion co-sponsored by the Arizona Small Business Association and the SBA.

"I was surprised to win the regional award, but holy cow, national," Brown said.

The recipient of the Women in Business Champion of the Year Award must be a person who has fulfilled 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 diligent role model for other women in business."

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.

Brown 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.

She will soon have six employees. She is hiring another accounting associate.

"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 tax, payroll, financial statements and invoices — everything except income taxes.

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

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