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### **Denver Community Leader Honored in Washington**

WASHINGTON, DC — Dr. María Guajardo Lucero, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for Education and Children in Denver, has been chosen as the *2006 Woman of Vision* by Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment. She will be honored on April 6 at the Women Work! national conference for her achievements as an author, mother, community volunteer and leader in the field of public education.

“Dr. Guajardo Lucero is a role model for other women,” commented Women Work! CEO Jill Miller. “She demonstrates vision and courage in her work to help others and we are honored to have her address our membership at our national conference.”

Guajardo Lucero has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of women and girls in her community. Serving as a mentor to West High School Latina students for three years, she began her commitment to moving theory into practice, earning the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Colorado Alliance for Business. She was also selected as a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow from 1990-1993, and, she recently was awarded the "Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award" for her leadership and commitment to excellence in public education.

Helping children succeed at school has been Guajardo Lucero's passion. She has conducted research on dropout prevention and served as the Colorado Department of Education Dropout Prevention Coordinator and as co-director of the Colorado Preschool Project. She has worked as a therapist for Denver Head Start, a bilingual school psychologist for Denver Public Schools, an adjunct professor at Metropolitan State College and University of Colorado, Denver, and is now a trustee for the University of Denver. In 2004 Guajardo Lucero was invited by Denver Public Schools to serve as a commissioner on the Secondary Reform Commission.

The *Woman of Vision Award* is presented annually the Women Work! national conference. **Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for women's economic security through policies, programs and partnerships. Since 1978, the Network has assisted more than 10 million women to successfully enter, re-enter and advance in the workforce. Through supporting, advocating and advancing women's economic self-sufficiency, Women Work! members strengthen families and communities. For more information, visit [www.womenwork.org](http://www.womenwork.org) or call (202) 467-6346.

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