

Woman Entrepreneur of the Year winners



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Winners of the 2004 Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards were presented at Toronto's Metro Toronto Convention Centre last night. The annual awards recognize women entrepreneurs who have pursued innovative and unique business strategies to create value in the economy and for their customers. They are, from left to right: Sandra Wilson, president, Robeez Footwear Ltd. of Burnaby, B.C., winner of the Export Award; Suzanne Bernard Leclair, president, Transit Inc. Truck Bodies of Laval, Que., winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award; Marnie Walker, founder, Student Express Limited of Toronto, Ont., winner of the Impact on Local Economy Award; Patti Falus, president, Barter Network Limited of Toronto, Ont., winner of the Start-Up Award; and Joanne Papari-Doulaverakis, president, Biocbem Environmental Solutions of Concord, Ont., winner of the Innovation Award. The awards are an initiative of the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, and sponsored by BMO Financial Group in partnership with National Post, National Post Business, Export Development Canada, Business Development Bank of Canada, Profit and Chatelaine. Supporting sponsors are Deloitte, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Tiffany & Co., Ove Design & Communications Ltd., DUOCOM and International Trade Canada. *Financial Post*