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**WOMEN IN ENGINEERING WILL HONOR NAPE CEO MIMI LUFKIN**

**COCHRANVILLE, PA (6/4/12) ---** Mimi Lufkin, Chief Executive Officer of the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE), has been named the winner of the 2012 Educator Award presented by Women in Engineering ProActive Network (WEPAN).

WEPAN is a national not-for-profit organization with more than 600 members from engineering schools, small businesses, Fortune 500 corporations, and non-profit organizations. WEPAN works to transform the culture in engineering education to attract, retain, and graduate women.

Lufkin will receive the 2012 Education Award when WEPAN holds its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, “Getting to the Heart of It All,” in Columbus, Ohio from June 25-27.

Under Lufkin’s direction, NAPE has been involved in numerous initiatives to increase diversity in America’s workforce and to increase opportunities in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand careers. Among these is the National Science Foundation-funded STEM Equity Pipeline Project, which works with educational systems to increase the participation of underrepresented populations in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. Recently recognized by the White House, the STEM Equity Pipeline is an example of the work NAPE has undertaken under Lufkin’s leadership. As a national expert on program and policy development affecting access, equity and diversity in education, Lufkin has made a significant contribution to the field of women in STEM.

Lufkin has more than 30 years of experience as an educator and administrator and joined NAPE in 1994, as the Chief Executive Officer. NAPE is a national, nonprofit consortium of state and local agencies, corporations, and national organizations that collaborate to create equitable and diverse classrooms and workplaces where there are no barriers to opportunities.

“I am thrilled to be receiving this award. I feel that it recognizes not only my work in promoting equity in education and workforce development but also recognizes the work of all those on whose shoulders I have had the privilege to stand.”

In addition to the presentation of the 2012 Education Award on Tuesday evening, June 26, the WEPAN Conference will feature a wide range of presentations that explore how research and related programs span the boundaries of gender research, women in engineering programs, faculty members, and corporate partners.

For more information about Lufkin and NAPE visit [www.napequity.org](http://www.napequity.org) or [www.stemequitypipeline.org](http://www.stemequitypipeline.org). To register or for more information about the WEPAN Conference go to <http://wepan.org/>.