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**HABCO Owner Receives *Women of Innovation* Award for  
Small Business Innovation and Leadership  
*Connecticut Technology Council Honors HABCO's CEO Kristin Muschett***

**Glastonbury, Conn., February 11, 2008**— HABCO, Inc. announced that its CEO and owner, Kristin Muschett, has been awarded the highest Women of Innovation Award from the Connecticut Technology Council for small business innovation and leadership. Muschett was recognized by the Connecticut Technology Council (CTC) at its 2008 Women of Innovation awards ceremony, which pays tribute to exceptional women in the state of Connecticut who are innovators, role models, researchers, educators, managers and service providers in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

Muschett's leadership doubled HABCO's revenues over the past five years primarily through providing testing and support equipment for military and commercial aerospace, created new engineering and skilled manufacturing jobs, expanded the product line from one to 22 standard products, formed a mentor-protégé partnership with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, and penetrated the fuel cell, automotive and medical industries. She brought national recognition to the state of Connecticut in 2007 when HABCO became the 11<sup>th</sup> company in the nation and the first in Connecticut, to receive the Space Flight Awareness Award from United Space Alliance, NASA's biggest partner in human space operations.

Beth Alquist, planning committee chairperson for CTC's Women of Innovation awards described Muschett and other finalists as "pioneers" who serve as "esteemed role models to their peers and women interested in pursuing a career in the sciences."

Muschett credits much of HABCO's success with innovation in engineering technology to relationship building and having a well-trained, competent staff. "Innovation doesn't, and shouldn't, always happen independently," Muschett said. "HABCO often partners with other companies who have similar or complementary competencies and the same desire to pool them to create growth. Innovation is an ever-changing factor in aerospace

and the other industries we serve. Every day, in any industry, technology has the potential to meet human need. Making it happen is up to all of us.”

**About HABCO, Inc.**

Founded in 1970, HABCO provides testing and ground support equipment to military and commercial aerospace, power generation, fuel cell, industrial, automotive and medical industries. The company is headquartered in Glastonbury, Connecticut and has a worldwide reputation for delivering innovation solutions with a continuous commitment to customer satisfaction. Many of HABCO’s Peculiar Ground Support Equipment (PGSE) and Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) products are approved for servicing both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. HABCO also is certified to ISO 9001:2000 and AS9100 standards. For more information, visit [www.habco.biz](http://www.habco.biz) .

**About the Connecticut Technology Council**

The Connecticut Technology Council is the state’s industry association for the technology sector. CTC’s mission is to “connect people, ideas and opportunities to the global technology and innovation community.” CTC provides members with business assistance and specialized programs, in addition to promoting and supporting public policies that position Connecticut to have globally recognized “culture of innovation” that helps attract great ideas and entrepreneurs to in turn develop new jobs and wealth for the state.

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