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## **Laurie Webster, President, WebSec Corporation Selected as 2018 Woman Owned Small Business of the Year**

*Woman Owned business excels in a male dominated industry*

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** – The U.S. Small Business Administration, Orange County / Inland Empire District Office has selected Laurie Webster, President of WebSec, to be recognized as the 2018 Woman Owned Small Business of the Year. Webster was nominated for the award by Daniel Stake, Vice President, Relationship Manager at Alta Pacific Bank.

Laurie Webster, with many years of experience in the defense industry, co-founded WebSec Corporation with her husband, Dave, in May 2006. WebSec Corporation, located in Murrieta, CA, is an engineering and technology applications company certified through SBA's WOSB Federal Contracting program providing software and hardware solutions to military and business clients in the defense arena. In a typically male dominated industry, it has on occasion been necessary for Webster to prove her technical ability to outside contractors because of her gender. Her response is to continually do her job well and her motto is "Nevertheless, she persisted." WebSec maintains a market niche by continually diversifying and improving their products; this is critically important in the constantly evolving world of classified technology..

In order to continually improve their products, Webster invests in research and development to provide innovative product solutions and keep up with the changing demands and needs required in government defense. This practice has allowed WebSec to expand market share and grow the company. To meet the expansion needs of the company, the Webster's purchased a commercial building which has allowed them the opportunity to look to the future for other growth prospects within the industry. When not at the office, she is a soccer and running fanatic, and enjoys spending her free time with her college-age children and her husband. She is also active in her local Sierra Club group and works on environmental issues in her community.

Laurie Webster will be recognized and receive her award as the 2018 Woman Owned Small Business of the Year at the local Small Business Week Awards program to be held Friday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. at the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom. The event is being hosted by the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. For more information on the event or to register, go to [sbaawardsoc.com](http://sbaawardsoc.com), email [events@ochcc.com](mailto:events@ochcc.com) or call (949) 891-1464.

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