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Putnam Community Investment Consulting President Named Top 10 Women Business Owner in Northeast Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio, March 11, 2008...The Cleveland Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) has named Putnam Community Investment Consulting, Inc. (Putnam) President Kris Putnam-Walkerly as one of their Top 10 Women Business Owner of Northeast Ohio award winners. The award, now in its 14th year, honors women who have demonstrated excellence as a woman business owner; initiative and creativity; professional accomplishments and contributions and civic and community involvement. Qualifications for the award included female ownership in a for-profit organization and integral involvement in the daily operations of that business. The winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be honored at an awards dinner on April 17, 2008.

Kris Putnam-Walkerly founded Putnam Community Investment Consulting, Inc. in 1999. Putnam is headquartered in Westlake, Ohio, with a branch office in San Francisco, California. Kris currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Horizon Foundation and chairs the Membership Task Force and Technology Task Force of the National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers. She also co-founded the Philanthropy Consultants Network. Kris holds a master's degree in social work from San Francisco State University and a bachelor's degree in anthropology and political science from Indiana University. In 2003, she completed the Ethics for Foundation Consultants training with the Institute for Global Ethics.

About Putnam Community Investment Consulting

Putnam Community Investment Consulting, Inc. was founded in 1999. It is a national philanthropy and nonprofit consulting firm that works in partnership with philanthropic foundations and nonprofit organizations to assess community needs, develop effective programs, align organizational strategies, and evaluate impact. Since 1999, these collaborations have generated more than \$65 million in grants that have touched the lives of countless individuals. Putnam is headquartered at 30628 Detroit Road, Suite 222, Westlake, OH 44145. Their *West Coast Office* is located at One Embarcadero Center, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94111. Additional information on Putnam is available at 800.598.2102 or online at www.putnamcic.com

About NAWBO Cleveland

The National Association of Women Business Owners of Cleveland is an organization that works to increase the wealth creating capacity of our members and build strategic alliances and partnerships. NAWBO Cleveland is a business owners' peer group that provides resources to help steer your enterprise.