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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 2006 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT:
TAMMY MARUSKA**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to announce the selection of Tammy Maruska as the 2006 Woman of Achievement. On March 30, 2006, at 2 p.m. in the Federal Building Auditorium in Richland, the Department will host a ceremony honoring Ms. Maruska and featuring Rachael Tengbom, founder of Voices of Hope. Ms. Tengbom will address her organization's efforts to provide education to the girls of her Maasai tribe to protect them from harmful tribal rituals and early, arranged marriages. Following the hour-long celebration will be a reception at which visitors may congratulate Ms. Maruska and speak with Ms. Tengbom. Both events are open to the public.

Ms. Maruska is a program analyst in the Business Operations Division of the Richland Operations Office (RL). She joined DOE-RL in 1991 as an entry level secretary and moved through a variety of positions within the organization to her current position as program analyst. She has been active in her two children's activities, taking leadership roles in the Mid-Columbia Gymnastics Academy Booster Club and Kamiakin Instrumental Music Boosters, among other things. After having faced such challenges herself, she serves as a source of information for families facing challenges of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and for those whose children are born with a cleft palate.

Ms. Maruska graduated from the University of Idaho with a BS in Business Management. She is active in the DOE Hanford Federal Women's Program (serving as program manager from 1998-2004), DOE Richland Entertainment Cooperative (DOE-REC) (serving as secretary one year), and the Day of Caring (being a "sparkplug" four times). Ms. Maruska is engaged to be married this Spring.

The Department encourages staff, managers and members of the community to participate in this event celebrating National Women's History Month. The national theme for 2006 is "Women: Building Communities and Dreams," which honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women who have created communities and encouraged dreams.

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