Oregon, Wisconsin- January 28, 2010- Laura L. Douglass, President & CEO of Next Generation Clinical Research, was named as a finalist for the 2010 Enterprising Women of the Year Award. The award sponsored by Enterprising Women magazine provides an annual tribute to North America’s top women entrepreneurs. To be considered for the honor, award recipients must demonstrate they have fast-growth businesses, mentor or actively support other women and girls involved in entrepreneurship, and stand out as leaders in their communities.

Douglass is the founder and chief executive of Next Generation Clinical Research, an organization that provides product development strategy and clinical trial management services to emerging biopharmaceutical and medical device companies. She has also been successful in other entrepreneurial ventures which include founding Settler’s Bank, an innovative, new business bank, located in Wisconsin. Douglass is active in her community and commits efforts to develop women in science and leadership roles.

"I am honored to receive this award,” said Douglass. "It’s wonderful to be recognized for my efforts. It also highlights the potential of women entrepreneurs to not only be at the forefront of the business world but also make a positive impact in our local community.”

Award winners will be recognized at a gala dinner during the 8th Annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration, March 17-19, 2010 at the Marriott Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami, FL.