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***NEXT GENERATION CEO RECEIVES RISING STAR AWARD
FROM WI BIOSCIENCE ASSOCIATION***

Oregon, Wisconsin- October 23, 2008- Laura L. Douglass, President and chief executive of Next Generation Clinical Research, was the recipient of the Wisconsin Biotechnology & Medical Device Industry's 2008 Rising Star Award at the WBMA Annual Conference held in Waukesha, Wisconsin Wednesday, October 22. Award winners were selected based on the demonstrable impact he or she has had on the success of his or her company through one or more of the following: extraordinary entrepreneurship and business leadership, product innovation or technological achievement, marketing or promotion excellence, or outstanding sales accomplishment. Douglass who has more than 20 years of management experience in biopharmaceutical industry research and development, and operations founded Next Generation in 1999. The company continues to grow and prosper in providing niche clinical development and trial management services to small and mid-sized biopharma companies. Over the past two years, Next Generation has expanded its senior management team with high level talent as well as added data management and medical safety monitoring services in order to meet the growth in business.

Along with Douglass, four other bioscience professionals were recipients of the 2008 Rising Star Award:

- Tom Foti, Director of Custom services, EMD Chemicals Inc
- Dave Rozema, Senior scientist, Roche Mirus
- Monika de Arruda Indig, Ph.D., Director of Clinical and Contract Research, Blood Center of Wisconsin
- Marilyn Olson-Munoz, Ph.D., Associate Vice President, Third Wave Technologies

"The state's biotechnology and medical device industry is pleased to recognize these outstanding leaders," said James L. Leonhart, executive director of the Wisconsin Biotech and Medical Device Association. *"They are the best and brightest in the next generation of business and scientific leaders who will ensure Wisconsin's continued development as a global leader in the biosciences."* The WBMA is a trade association dedicated to supporting and promoting the Wisconsin biotechnology and medical device industries.

For additional information on this release or general information about Next Generation Clinical Research please contact Christine Wood-Tank (608) 835-5811 or visit www.nextgenclinical.com

ABOUT Next Generation – Next Generation is a specialty Contract Research Organization (CRO) focused on providing clinical trial management services to small and mid-sized biopharmaceutical organizations. The company was founded in 1999 and conducts novel, complex clinical trial projects throughout the United States and Canada.