



The Flintco Companies, Inc.

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ballenger is Woman of the Year**

**TULSA (September 26, 2007)** –Robin Flint Ballenger, chairperson of The The Flintco Companies, Inc., received The Journal Record’s 2007 Woman of the Year award on Thursday, September 20, in front of about 800 people at the Cox Business Services Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

Ballenger was among 50 finalists honored at the 27th annual award presentation recognizing Oklahoma women for their leadership in business and devotion to their communities. The women are also honored in the publication’s 50 Making a Difference.

Eight of the women were inducted into the Circle of Excellence, an honor reserved for those being selected for the third time. They include Martha Burger, Patrice Douglas, U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin, R-Okla., Miki Farris, Nancy Hall, Susan Harris, Shannon Nance and Faye Norton.

As the third-generation owner of the nearly century-old The Flintco Companies Inc., Ballenger’s daily life is spent in the cherishing and furthering of both her ethnic, family and business heritage.

Ballenger earned her bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Middlebury College, a master’s degree in urban studies from Occidental College, and a second master’s degree in gerontology from the University of Southern California. She was on her way to a promising career in gerontology (the study of aging) when duty called, and she returned to help out her family, eventually taking the helm at Flintco.

“The business truths I learned from family members are priceless,” she said. “My grandfather taught me to hire people of character and to treat each employee as an equal, instead of as a rung in the corporate ladder. My father truly believed in the people he hired. He supported them and allowed them to do what they were best at. Perhaps my greatest accomplishment is absorbing these lessons while at the same time incorporating my own style of leadership.”

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That she learned those lessons well is evidenced by her receipt of the American Indian Business Owner of the Year Award for 2006, presented by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. The award is given based on longevity and financial success, as well as volunteerism and other efforts designed to have a positive economic and social impact within the American Indian community.

“As the first female Flintco owner, I have definitely learned to be a woman in a man’s world,” she said. “But I believe before this century reaches the halfway mark, we will see women take a major place in the construction industry.”

Like many successful executives, Ballenger divides her time between professional and civic projects. She is a board member for Tulsa’s Philbrook Museum and Library Trust, as well as other local organizations that help people with developmental disabilities and those who are nearing the end of their lives. She also is an active member of the National Indian Child Advocacy Council and the National Center for American Indian Economic Development.

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### **About The Flintco Companies, Inc.**

The Flintco Companies, Inc. is the parent company of two construction operating divisions: Flintco, Inc. and Oakridge Builders, Inc. Founded in 1908 and in its third generation of private ownership, The Flintco Companies is the largest American Indian-owned construction company and is one of the largest commercial contractors in the nation. The Flintco Companies’ operating divisions provide a full range of construction services, including pre-construction, construction management, design/build, project and program management, as well as general contracting from nine offices in: Albuquerque, N.M.; Austin, Tex.; Memphis, Tenn.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sacramento, Calif.; Springdale, Ark.; Springfield, Mo.; and two offices in Tulsa, Okla. With a well-deserved reputation as a provider of “constructive solutions,” The Flintco Companies is consistently selected as the contractor of choice by clients with construction needs in the areas of healthcare, corporate, education, office, sports, corrections, hospitality, utilities, governmental, and not-for-profit facilities. For more information, see [www.flintco.com](http://www.flintco.com).