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Own It Ventures, in collaboration with New Jersey Monthly magazine will honor three women business owners located at the NJIT Enterprise Development Center (EDC). Marjorie Perry, president of MZM Construction, Linda Sharkus, PhD, president of AcquiSci Inc., and Peggy McHale, principal at Consultants 2 Go, will be named among the top 25 leading women entrepreneurs and business owners in New Jersey for their service, leadership and contributions to New Jersey's economic recovery. The event (www.ownitventures.com) will be held 6 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2011, at the Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Park.

"It is extraordinary that so many of our women entrepreneurs in our business accelerator program in Newark are being acknowledged for their achievements." said Judith Sheft, NJIT Associate Vice President, whose responsibilities include oversight of EDC. "It shows that our commitment to these women and their companies can have a tremendous impact on the state's economy."

More remarks include:

"It is an honor to be a part of such an elite group of women. With the support of the resources provided by NJIT's EDC, I have been able to grow my business and mentor other women as well," said McHale, of Berkeley Heights.

"I cannot tell you how proud it makes you feel when your peers acknowledge you for your accomplishments. I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful night of recognition," said Perry, of East Orange.

"I would like to thank those at the NJIT-EDC Incubator who have helped AcquiSci and me through the challenging times of an early stage company. The resources have been extremely helpful with regard to our development," said Sharkus, of Belmar.

EDC www.njit-edc.org located at NJIT, New Jersey's science and technology university, is home to over 90 high-tech and life-science companies. EDC companies have access to NJIT facilities and can partner with researchers to help grow their businesses. EDC puts start-up companies on a solid track to success with additional resources that include office space and laboratory facilities available at competitive rates and with flexible leases. EDC also provides comprehensive assistance with navigating the requirements for government contracts at all levels, preparing grant applications, and meeting regulatory rules and regulations. For more information, call 973.643.4063.

AcquiSci Inc. www.acquisci.com, a private company based at EDC, is a medical device company that's developing the d-OSAB™ technological platform. Applications include the treatment of stroke and other inflammatory diseases and the purification of biological fluids. The company's core technology patent was issued by the USPTO in June 2010. For more information, call 732.280-8425 or email sharkus@acquisci.com.

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