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A Woman of All Seasons



Pittsburgh, Pa. — Lilas Soukup, a 35-year employee at NETL, has been recognized by the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB) as the 2013 Woman of the Year. Held in conjunction with Women's Equality Day, the awards program was on August 22, 2013; Ms. Soukup received a plaque, honoring her tireless efforts to enhance the role of women in federal programs.

The Federal Executive Boards, established by Presidential Directive in 1961, are a forum for communication and collaboration among federal agencies outside of Washington, DC. The Pittsburgh FEB is comprised of more than 100 Federal agencies and over 20,000 Federal employees in the Pittsburgh region, and maintains twelve different committees and councils, including the Federal Women's Program Committee. The primary objective of the committee is to enable women in federal service to recognize their potential, help them realize that promise, and assist them in attaining positions which allow them to apply their training and ability.

Ms. Soukup has led NETL's Federal Women's Program for 15 years. She is both an example of the success the Federal Women's Program has had in advancing women in the workforce, and a model and mentor for women seeking enhanced employment opportunities in federal government.

Ms. Soukup was pleased to accept the honor. "In the past few years, I have watched numerous young women here achieve more than previous generations of women could have dreamed," she said. "And I am proud to have been a part of such a positive change at NETL."

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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