



## CEO of Constellation West Selected as Finalist for GovCon Executive of the Year Award

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, 2015** – [Constellation West](#), a leading provider of mission-critical technology solutions for the U.S. government and one of the fastest-growing service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, small disadvantaged businesses in the country, announced today that CEO and president [Lisa Wolford](#) has been selected as a finalist for Executive of the Year for companies up to \$75 million in the 2015 [GovCon Awards](#). Winners will be announced at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™, often referred to as the “Academy Awards of Government Contracting,” on Nov. 5 at the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner.

“It is a tremendous honor to be recognized as a finalist for GovCon Executive of the Year,” said Wolford. “Constellation West is truly where extraordinary works. Our company is made up of incredibly talented people – many of whom are veterans – and their ongoing dedication to our customers and their passion for serving our nation is absolutely the key to our success. We offer an environment in which top talent can thrive and work on some of the most important cyber and technology programs today supporting national security, defense and civilian agencies. We are pleased to have moved to Fairfax from D.C. in 2014, making us more accessible to employees, teammates and government partners.”

Since Wolford founded her company in 1997 in Omaha, Nebraska, she has made the delivery of effective, high-quality solutions that meet her customers’ needs the top focus. Additionally, she has managed the company finances in an extremely fiscally conservative manner, so that the company has no debt. Because of this deliberate strategy, the company has gained a reputation among its customers for being among the best in the business to work with – both as a small business and as a strong partner within the highly competitive government contracting industry.

Outstanding past performance has led Constellation West to expand its customer base, win additional contracts with existing customers and become a top choice as a partner for large companies. This strong track record of success has had a crescendo effect on increasing company business and growth.

Wolford has also been honored personally for her work as a business leader and is continually sought after as a defense technology subject matter expert, particularly on the topic of job creation for veterans, veteran entrepreneurship, and women-owned and/or veteran-owned businesses. She has also led Constellation West to numerous awards and national recognition, which include recent awards such as:

- 2014 – Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Small Business Award given to Wolford by the National Veteran Small Business Coalition in recognition of her substantial, continuous and selfless contributions to the veteran community
- 2014 – Wolford selected as a distinguished honoree by the Women’s Center for Advancement in recognition of her impact on other women and her personal achievements as a woman business leader and veteran
- 2014 – Wolford won Gold for Executive of the Year, Silver for Entrepreneur of the Year at the Stevie Awards for Women in Business

Presented by the [Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Professional Services Council](#), the Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards is the premier event honoring the leadership, innovation and commitment to excellence of the people and businesses in the region’s government contracting community.



### **About Constellation West**

Constellation West is where extraordinary works. A leading provider of mission-critical technology solutions for the U.S. government, Constellation West is one of the fastest-growing service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, small disadvantaged businesses in the country. Constellation West delivers award-winning solutions in program management, cybersecurity, geospatial information systems, IT engineering, cloud computing, mobile applications and process management. Constellation West has an Operations Center in Bellevue, Nebraska, from which it supports a wide array of government customers in the defense and civilian sectors, including the U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, Veterans Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration. Constellation West has been honored with a number of awards for its outstanding services, commitment to hiring veterans and growth as a small business, including the 2014 Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Small Business Award from the National Veteran Small Business Coalition, 2012 Inc. Hire Power Award, Veteran Small Business Services Champion of the Year award from the Small Business Administration and inclusion in the Top 100 FedList Telecommunications Network Management Contractors by the Federal Times. Constellation West is based in Fairfax, Virginia, and was founded in 1997 by Lisa Wolford, a nationally recognized business leader who started her career as a field radio operator in the Marine Corps. For more information, go to [www.ConstellationWest.com](http://www.ConstellationWest.com).

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