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MOLLY D. SHEPARD RECEIVES ALICE PAUL EQUALITY AWARD

MT. LAUREL, NJ - -Molly Shepard, founder, president and CEO, The Leader's Edge, is the recipient of a 2012 Equality Award, it was announced by The Alice Paul Institute.

The other honorees are Lynn Doyle, host and executive producer of Comcast's "It's Your Call With Lynn Doyle;" Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY); -Suzanne S. Mayes, member and co-chair of public and project finance, Cozen O'Connor; Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ); Toni Pergolin, CPA, president and chief executive officer, Bancroft; and Eleanor Smeal, president and founder, Feminist Majority Foundation.

The Alice Paul Equality Awards are named in memory of Alice Stokes Paul (1885-1977). Born in Mt. Laurel, NJ, Alice Paul dedicated her life to the single cause of securing equal rights for all women. Alice Paul led the final campaign for women's right to vote. After the 1920 victory, she authored the Equal Rights Amendment and initiated gender equality principles in both the United Nations Charter and in the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Shepard has been active in the field of career counseling, leadership development, executive coaching and executive search. She is the author of Breaking Into the Boys' Club, which exposes the road blocks that keep women from reaching the top of the corporate ladder and offers eight strategies to overcome these hurdles and be more successful.

The awards, which will be presented at a gala on Thursday, April 26, 6 - 9 p.m., at The Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees, honor individuals from any industry or field who capture the spirit of Alice Paul and as a consequence, directly or indirectly, continue Alice's mission of advancing women's equality in America.

New Jersey State Senator Diane Allen is the honorary chair of the Alice Paul Equality Awards Committee.

Event sponsor is Lockheed Martin.

The Alice Paul Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about the life and work of New Jersey's most famous suffragist, Alice Stokes Paul (1885-1977), author of the Equal Rights Amendment, founder of the National Woman's Party, and a lifelong activist for women's equality. The mission of the Alice Paul Institute is to promote full gender equality through education, development and empowerment of leaders. The legacy of Alice Paul provides the foundation and the beacon to develop critical leadership skills and inspire others to become agents of positive change. Paulsdale, Alice Paul's birthplace and family home in Mount Laurel, is a National Historic Landmark and serves as a center for celebrating women's history and leadership.

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