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## National Women's History Month Success Stories

### Lights, Camera, ActioNet!

Ashley W. Chen entered Binghamton University in New York to pursue her dream of becoming a technical professional. Within five years, Ms. Chen received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Computer Science. Ms. Chen also holds numerous industry-recognized IT professional certifications, including: Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Master Certified Novell Engineer (MCNE) and Enterprise Certified Novell Engineer (ECNE).

It has always been Chen's dream to 'build something great' - something she could attribute her success to and now she had the proper foundation to do so. Now she was faced with answering the all too often asked question... "How?" Answer she did.

While reading an enlightening piece by a traditional Japanese philosopher, it came to her. "It seemed that he was talking directly to me," says Chen. The piece states, "...action without vision is a nightmare, vision without action is only a daydream." She knew exactly what he was getting at. "I had plenty of vision," Chen states, "I just needed to show a little more action - action speaks louder than words!"

Result: 1998 - ActioNet, Incorporated was born.

Founded with only one employee, herself, Chen and ActioNet have enjoyed yearly growth of over 100%. ActioNet now employs fifteen full-time employees and several part-time consultants. Chen attributes ActioNet's success directly to the quality of her staff, "I am very lucky to have employed a staff that shares my dreams and goals for ActioNet. Together we work hard to meet and exceed our customers' expectations. Without them none of this would have been possible."

ActioNet has been involved in several DOT contracts. In November 1998, ActioNet was selected by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to ensure Y2K compliancy for all of their IT systems. Upon the arrival of the year 2000, the FTA's systems ran flawlessly and without incident. In May 1999, ActioNet was selected by the FTA to provide enterprise resource planning including leading edge web and data warehousing technologies in an effort to improve the quality and timeliness of information disseminated throughout the agency. The Information Technology Solutions (ITECHS) Team was formed under the leadership of Frederick Ford to carry out the mission of "Providing technology solutions to enhance, unify and support FTA's initiatives to move people into the future".

ActioNet focuses on leading its clients into the future by providing them with the highest quality of software development, information technology security, systems integration and training services on the market. Providing only the highest quality of services has earned ActioNet a respectable reputation in both the commercial and government arenas. This is most evident by the perfect rating ActioNet received from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) for past performance. ActioNet has formed strategic partnerships with many leading IT vendors including Microsoft, Novell, Cisco, Oracle, HP and Dell.

Proven expertise, the ability to maintain long-term relationships with their clients and a knack for customer satisfaction is what leaves Ashley Chen saying, "The best is yet to come!"