

# New venture closes wind deductible gap

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## **Businesswomen bringing home professional kudos**

Area female business executives won plenty of recognition in a national competition called the Stevie Awards for Women in Business. The awards for women began in 2004. Finalists were disclosed last week and winners will be announced at an awards dinner in New York on Nov. 14. Among the finalists named in the Tampa Bay market:

- Tech and call center company Digital Hands, Tampa, run by **Charlotte Baker**, for "Best Overall Company of the Year — Service Businesses — Up to 100 Employees."
- Melissa Fisher, senior vice president of marketing and communications, Valpak Direct Marketing Services, Largo, for "Best Executive — Service Businesses — up to 2,500 Employees — All Other Industries."
- Debra Curtiss, vice president and general manager, Peak 10, Tampa, for "Best Executive — Service Businesses — up to 2,500 Employees — Computer Software & Services."
- Suzanne Kelley, executive vice president, Proggex Inc., Clearwater, for "Best Executive — Service Businesses — up to 100 Employees — All Other Industries."