

- **MTA's Maria Guerra  
Named WTS  
'Woman of the Year'**



(Nov. 15, 2002) MTA Chief of Staff Maria Guerra has been named the Women's Transportation Seminar's "Woman of the Year" for 2002.

The award was presented, Wednesday, during the WTS annual scholarship and awards dinner at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Guerra, who has worked in transportation since 1979, is one of the highest-ranking women in the industry in Southern California.

Guerra was honored for her leadership and "commitment to the development and advancement of women in the industry" and for helping WTS and the transportation industry "develop and advertise opportunities for women and minorities, with an emphasis on scholarships, internships and employment."

As chief of staff to CEO Roger Snoble, Guerra provides policy recommendations and counsel on MTA strategies and community issues. Under her management are the departments of Policy, Research and Library, Labor/Employee Relations, Government and Board Relations, Administration-Human Resources, Diversity and Economic Opportunity, Community Relations, Real Estate and General Services.

Prior to joining MTA, she served as assistant city manager of Bell Gardens, district assistant for Congressman Glenn Anderson, assistant city administrator for Pomona, as a teacher for the Montebello and Pasadena school districts, and as public affairs manager and chief administrative analyst for MTA.

Guerra and her husband, Jim, vice president and manager of building and safety for Willdan, a public service company, live in Monrovia.

Women's Transportation Seminar, founded in 1977, is a national organization dedicated to excellence in public and private transportation through the achievement of women.

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