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## **A10 CEO Leah Brown to Receive 2011 Woman of Color Achievement Award**

**Cary, N.C.** – Leah Brown, President and CEO of [A10 Clinical Solutions, Inc.](#) has been selected to receive the 2011 Woman of Color Achievement Award from [The Women Presidents' Organization](#) (WPO), in partnership with [American Express OPEN®](#), the small business division of American Express, and [100 Black Men of America](#). The award is in recognition of Brown's community service and for the economic impact her business has had nationally. It will be presented on October 20, 2011 at the Capital City Club in Raleigh.

Brown founded A10, an award-winning clinical research and clinical care company in honor of her uncle, Allen Brown, who died from HIV/AIDS in 1987, a time when no education or medicines were available to save him. In 2004, using her own money, she opened A10 and has grown it into a multi-million-dollar international enterprise. Pharmaceutical companies, government entities, medical academic research institutions and corporations rely on A10 for critical clinical trials, clinical studies, clinical research and onsite employee health clinics.

Says Brown, "The odds of a woman-owned, minority-owned clinical research and clinical care company surviving, let alone thriving, were almost none; but with WPO's invaluable support, A10 can provide life-saving treatments and improved quality of life for those in need."

Leah was named on the 2010 Top 10 Women Entrepreneurs list by *Fortune* magazine and was invited to speak at *Fortune's* Most Powerful Women Summit in Washington, D.C. Ernst & Young named Leah Brown Entrepreneur of the Year in 2010 for Social Responsibility and invited her to be both a regional and national judge for its 2011 awards. *Inc.* magazine ranked A10 Clinical Solutions on its 2010 and 2011 500 Fastest-Growing Privately Owned Companies, its Top Health Industry Companies, and its consecutive No. 1 Black-Owned Company, and Top 10 Woman-Owned Company.

Leah Brown and A10 have been featured in a series of national media outlets including a CNBC profile on its prime-time news program, "How I Made My Millions;" the *Black Enterprise* 20 Most Successful Black Companies to Watch in 2011, as well as a feature story in September 2011; National Public Radio; American Express OPEN; *Fortune*; *Inc.*; *USA Today*; *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*; *Enterprising Women*; *Business Leader*; *Minority Business Entrepreneur* and more. She is a member of Count Me in for Women's Economic Independence and was a Make Mine a Million Dollar Business Award winner. The U.S. Department of Commerce and Small Business Administration presented her with the 2011 Minority Business Person of the Year award and selected Brown to meet with President Obama during his recent Raleigh visit to discuss job creation in the life sciences.

For more information about A10 Clinical Solutions, please visit [a10clinical.com](http://a10clinical.com).

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