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**KAREN VIVED OF SKILLSTORM NAMED SAN DIEGO  
HR PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

**San Diego, California (June 25, 2009)** – Karen Vived, Director of Human Resources for SkillStorm, the industry’s fastest-growing information technology, engineering and project management staff augmentation and outsourcing solutions, has been named San Diego’s 2009 HR Professional of the Year. Vived was one of 17 honorees recognized among over 40 finalists. This award recognizes Vived for her innovative thinking in developing a positive and productive working environment for SkillStorm.

“Karen is very deserving of this award,” said SkillStorm CEO Vince Virga. “Her hard work and dedication to our efforts to improve the company are unwavering. She has quickly become an integral part of the SkillStorm team.”

Vived was named the winner in the medium private company category during an award ceremony held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel San Diego. Nominees for this award were evaluated on criteria such as contributions to the overall growth and effectiveness of their organization as well as contributions in areas other than human resources.

Vived is a member of the National Human Resources Association (NHRA) and the Professionals In Human Resources Association (PIHRA). She received Zenger Miller Leadership training, Kaizen Management training and Lean Six Sigma training. A big supporter of SHRM, Vived has been involved in the San Diego chapter since 2001. She is also a Development Dimensions International (DDI) Certified Facilitator, which allows her to facilitate training for over 60 topics offered to employers through DDI.

SkillStorm has received many highly regarded national and state awards. Most recently, SkillStorm was named one of the 2009 Best Places to Work by the *South Florida Business Journal*, making this the second year in a row the company has received this honor. SkillStorm also won *Orlando Business Journal’s* 2008 Outstanding Small Business Award, received the San Diego Better Business Bureau (BBB) 2008 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics, ranked #2 on *Charlotte Business Journal’s* Largest Contingency Executive Search Firms List for 2008 and ranked # 2 on *San Diego Daily Transcript’s* Staffing Firms List for 2008. Other accolades include being named one of the 2007 Best Places to Work in Central Florida by the *Orlando Business Journal*, being awarded the 2006 Governor’s Entrepreneurship Award in Florida’s Mega Market, winning *South Florida Business Journal’s* 2006 Technology Award in the Professional Services Category and ranking as the 13<sup>th</sup> Fastest Growing New Company in America in 2006 on *Entrepreneur* Magazine and PricewaterhouseCoopers’ Hot 100 List.

**About SkillStorm**

SkillStorm provides diversified technical services to various organizations nationwide. The company specializes in Information Technology, Engineering and Project Management consulting, outsourcing and staff augmentation solutions. SkillStorm has an impressive client list, which includes many elite Fortune 500 customers.

SkillStorm has 15 offices throughout the United States, with corporate headquarters located in San Diego, California.

For more information on SkillStorm, please visit us on the Web at [www.SkillStorm.com](http://www.SkillStorm.com).

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1. Photo – Karen Vived