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# Turkington named Woman of Excellence

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Mary E. Turkington on Wednesday was named YWCA 1992 Woman of Excellence at the fourth annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon, which honored 44 women for leadership in the workplace.

The award recognizes Turkington for her many years as executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association.

Western Resources, formerly KPL Gas Service, was named 1992 YWCA Employer of the Year for efforts to increase the hiring and promoting of women in its ranks.

Thirty-six Topeka organizations attended the annual luncheon, titled "A Tribute to Women and Employers." Honorees were recognized for significant contributions to their work places and their management and executive skills.

More than 400 people, including employers, honorees and friends, attended the event in the Sunflower Ballroom of the Kansas Expocentre complex. The honorees were featured in a video presentation produced by KSNT-TV, which focused on their career achievements.

Howard R. Fricke, chief executive officer and president of the Security Benefit Group of Cos., was honorary chairman for the event. Jeannie Seitz, marketing representative with IBM, was 1992 steering committee chairwoman.



Mary E. Turkington