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Commissioner Bode to join with other women leaders from the region to encourage greater participation of women in public service

Organizers of the upcoming 2005 Southern Women in Public Service Conference have asked Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Denise Bode to serve in the position of "Pacesetter" for the state of Oklahoma.

This annual conference has become the most significant gathering of women political leaders throughout the South who want to make a difference through public service at the national, state and local levels. The purpose of the conference is to provide leadership development opportunities to women political leaders and to encourage more women to seek leadership positions in public service.

"This is a cause that is very near and dear to my heart," said Bode. "I am honored and humbled by the invitation."

In 1995 the Stennis Center established the annual Lindy Boggs Award to recognize an outstanding woman from the South who has been a role model for women who want to make a difference through political leadership. This year's recipient is Lady Bird Johnson. The award will be presented at the conference.

The 2005 Southern Women in Public Service Conference will be held May 15-17 in San Antonio, Texas. It is sponsored by the Stennis Center for Public Service, which was created by Congress in 1988 to promote and strengthen leadership in public service in America. For more information, go to www.stennis.gov.

Denise Bode has served on the Corporation Commission since 1997, having twice won election to the post.

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