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Whitman Comes Back a Winner

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman returned to New Jersey last night to the news that she was one of the top choices in "The White House Project," a nationwide straw poll in which more than 100,000 Americans voted for women who they believe have the potential to lead the country.

The White House project today announced the top five vote recipients from the national poll that was conducted from September 27 through November 30, 1998. In addition to Gov. Whitman, the other winners are (in alphabetical order):

- Hillary Rodham Clinton
- Elizabeth Hanford Dole
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Army Gen. Claudia Kennedy

"The White House Project was a worthy endeavor. It gave Americans an opportunity to speak up about the kind of leaders they would like to see for our country in the 21st century," Whitman said.

"The overwhelming response to the project demonstrates a clear desire on the part of American voters to consider a woman for the presidency. Obviously, Americans are ready for a woman on the ticket in 2000," she said.

"In addition to pointing out that Americans are ready for a woman on the national ticket, the project also demonstrated the desire of Americans to consider a candidate from every walk of life, not just Washington insiders," she said.