NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

ADVISORS TO THE PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND THE SBA

About the NWBC

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Our Mission

The National Women's Business Council is a bi-partisan federal advisory council created to serve as an independent source of advice and counsel to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Small Business Administration on economic issues of importance to women business owners. Members of the Council are prominent women business owners and leaders of women's business organizations.

The Council's mission is to promote bold initiatives, policies and programs designed to support women's business enterprises at all stages of development in the public and private sector marketplaces—from start-up to success to significance.

History of the Council

The National Women's Business Council was established as part of the Women's Ownership Act of 1988 (also known as House Resolution 5050) as an advisory board for women business owners. They were asked to identify the barriers to success for women-owned businesses and report annually to the President, Congress, and SBA on their findings.

By the early 1990s, the Council had begun bringing together women business owners, policy makers, bankers, representatives of women's business organizations and other stakeholders to discuss possible solutions to the challenges facing women business owners, and make recommendations to policy makers.

What We Do

The Council is committed to:

- Conducting research on issues of importance to women business owners and their organizations,
- Communicating these findings widely,
- Connecting the women's business community to public policy makers and to one another,
- Providing a platform for change in order to expand and improve opportunities for women business owners and their enterprises.