



**WIPP Applauds President's Plan to Consolidate Business Departments
SBA Administrator to have Cabinet-level Position**

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(January 13, 2012) – Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), a non-profit nonpartisan organization applauds the President's newly announced plan to reform government departments focused on business, commerce and trade into a single, streamlined department, and the announcement to elevate the position of SBA Administrator to a cabinet-level position.

The proposed plan should help make the government work better for small businesses by consolidating the efforts of such agencies as the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Commerce Department, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corp. and the Trade and Development Agency.

Small businesses are the engine of our economy. The new department, under the aegis of SBA Administrator Karen Mills will provide a greater range of programs and opportunities for them as well as a more streamlined approach to the tools and resources small businesses need to grow their businesses and create jobs. WIPP fully supports this major step and urges the Congress to grant the necessary authority to achieve this.

WIPP also applauds the President's move to elevate the position of SBA Administrator to a cabinet-level position. It affirms the President's recognition of the vital role that small businesses play in growing jobs and growing the economy. Now small businesses will truly have a seat at the table as important government policies are decided.

WIPP is a national nonpartisan public policy organization, advocating on behalf of nearly 1 million women-owned businesses representing 58 business organizations. WIPP defines the business impact of government actions, provides timely economic policy information and analysis and identifies important trends and opportunities to its membership.

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