



## US Business Leadership Network Praises Debra Ruh for Receiving “Federal 100” Award

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WASHINGTON, DC (April 1, 2008) – The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) today praised **Debra Ruh**, Founder and President of TecAccess, for being recognized by *Federal Computer Week*, which named Ruh to its prestigious “[Federal 100](#)” list. The theme for this year's Federal 100 awards is "Agents of Change."

Ruh currently serves on the USBLN® board of directors, and has been a leading voice in Virginia promoting diversity in the workplace. TecAccess, a member of the USBLN®, is the leading provider of comprehensive accessible technology programs, disability employment services, and marketing solutions that allow organizations to better serve the world’s largest and fastest growing minority group of people with disabilities and the mature audience

“It comes as no surprise that TecAccess continues to lead the way to innovation, inclusion and opportunity,” said **Katherine McCary**, Vice-President of SunTrust Bank and Chair of the USBLN® board of directors.”



*Federal Computer Week* writes: “Often the first step toward change is no step at all. It is simply a change in perspective. This year's list of Federal 100 award winners is packed with individuals who looked at problems in new ways and saw a way forward toward new solutions. The Federal 100 awards recognize 100 such people. These are individuals who have strong strategic outlooks but who are also adept tacticians. The list includes top leaders of the community -- both government and industry -- and people who are on the front lines. All in all, this year's Federal 100 award winners represent a special breed of visionaries: people who see how to get things done differently.”

The USBLN® is the national organization that supports development and expansion of its BLN chapters across the country, serving as their collective voice. It is the only national disability organization led by business for business. The USBLN® recognizes and promotes best practices in hiring, retaining, and marketing to people with disabilities. There are 44 Business Leadership Network chapters in 32 states, including the District of Columbia, representing more than 5,000 employers across the US. The BLN uses a “business to business” approach to educate, promoting the business imperative of including people with disabilities in the workforce. Learn more at [www.usbln.org](http://www.usbln.org).

BLN Chapters are business organizations headed by a Lead Business who exemplifies these practices and shares experiences with other members-employers-within the state or region. These activities include career fairs, disability mentoring and internship programs, and training programs including disability business etiquette, accommodation, and other disability issues deemed significant to employers. Businesses join BLN chapters to learn how to expand their diversity recruiting efforts to include individuals with disabilities – not as a social model but as a business case to recruit talent and better serve their customers. BLN successes serve the workplace, marketplace, community and the economy. The USBLN® Vision is that every employer recognizes and benefits from the best practice of including people with disabilities in their workforce and marketplace.

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