



USBLN® Announces its 2011 Board of Directors; Board includes New Slate of Officers and Representative from Procter & Gamble

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WASHINGTON, DC (February 4, 2011) – Today, the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) announced its 2011 Board of Directors. New representation on the USBLN® Board of Directors includes **Ann Andreosatos**, Leader, Culture and Capability, North American Diversity & Inclusion Practice, Procter & Gamble.

The full USBLN® Board of Directors then newly elected **Deb Russell**, Manager, Outreach and Employee Services, Walgreens Company, to serve as Chair; **Martha Artiles**, Global Chief Diversity Officer, Manpower Inc., to serve as Vice-Chair; and **Debra Ruh**, CEO & Founder of TecAccess, Inc. to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

The USBLN® is focused on embracing the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the labor force and marketplace; assists in career preparation for and employment of people with disabilities, improves customer experiences for people with disabilities, and promotes the certification and growth of disability-owned businesses.

“On behalf of the US Business Leadership Network, we are happy to welcome Ann Andreosatos and our newly elected officers to the Board of Directors,” said **Deb Russell**, Chair of the USBLN® Board of Directors. “I’m confident that the experience and dedication of Ann, Martha, Debra and the full Board will be instrumental in the success of the USBLN®’s mission.”

Ann Andreosatos leads North American Culture and Capability work for the Procter & Gamble’s Global Diversity & Inclusion Practice. This includes HR leader for People with Disabilities initiatives, consultation with P&G business units on a variety of Diversity & Inclusion demographic tools, learning and communication methodologies, and development of Work-life effectiveness initiatives. Ann joined P&G in 2004 as Gillette’s Director of Workforce Diversity & Inclusion and works a location free role in Quincy, MA. Prior to Gillette, Ann led the development of work/life effectiveness programs at Fidelity Investments for 16 years, including work/life programs, work climate surveys and relocation, and employee relations. Ann is co-president the Boston-based Human Resources Council, supports the annual Linkage Summit on Leading Diversity as a learning team facilitator, and is a past team mentor with Women Unlimited.

The USBLN® Board of Directors is also comprised of existing members: **Beth Butler**, Director, Diversity & Inclusion Lowe's Companies, Inc.; **Frances West**, Director, IBM’s Human Ability & Accessibility Center; **Kevin Bradley**, Director, Inclusion & Diversity, McDonald’s Corporation; **Kevin Foster**, Director of Motorola’s Quality Master Black Belt; **Marthalee Galeota**, Program Manager of Starbuck’s Accessibility; **Michelle Maybaum**, Director, Employee Relations for Qualcomm, Inc.; **Michael Takemura**, Director, Hewlett-Packard’s Accessibility & Aging Program Office; **Deborah Dagit**, Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President of Merck & Co. Inc.’s Diversity, Work Environment & University Relations; **Roy E. Flora**, Group President of Microtel Inns and Suites and Baymont Inn & Suites; **Lori Golden**, Inclusiveness Consultant and Lead of Ernst & Young’s firm-sponsored inclusiveness initiative AccessAbilities; and **Susan Palmer Mazrui**, Director of AT&T’s Public Policy.

About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is the national disability organization that serves as the collective voice of over 60 Business Leadership Network affiliates across North America, representing over 5,000 employers. The USBLN® promotes the business imperative of the preparation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace, marketplace, and supply chain while supporting the development and expansion of its BLN affiliates. The USBLN® recognizes and supports best practices in hiring and advancing employees with disabilities, marketing to consumers with disabilities, and encourages contracting with vendors with disabilities through the development and certification of disability-owned business enterprises. www.usbln.org

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