



USBLN® Announces its 2011 Corporate Advisory Board

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WASHINGTON, DC (February 7, 2011) - The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) today announced the appointment of eight new members to the Corporate Advisory Board (CAB). The two-year appointments were made at the January 28, 2011 Board meeting and became effective on February 1, 2011. During that meeting, four current members were reappointed.

The new members are **James Carter**, 3 M; **Crosby Cromwell**, Walmart Stores Inc., **Gary Harrison-Ducros**; Frito-Lay North America, **Lee Ann Macerelli**; AOL, **Evelyn Montalvo**; ARAMARK, **Rita Taylor-Nash**; Health Care Service Corporation, **Robert Vetere**; Northrop Grumman, and **Richard Brian Weitzman**; Novartis. The members who were reappointed are **Linda Jimenez**; WellPoint, Inc, **Joan McGovern**; JPMorgan Chase, **Tammie McNaughton**; Consultant, and **Marie Trotter**; Harvard University.

The USBLN® Corporate Advisory Board is also comprised of existing members: **Colleen Fukui-Sketchley**, Corporate Diversity Affairs Specialist, Nordstrom; **Loren Mikola**, Disability Inclusion Program Manager, Microsoft; **John Wagner**, Senior Director of Product Management, BCBS of Florida; and **Keith Wiedenkeller**, SVP & Chief People Officer, AMC Entertainment.

The CAB was created by the USBLN® Board of Directors in 2008 and was launched in January 2009. The CAB's mission is to provide strategic direction to USBLN® programs, ensuring a focus on relevant and realistic activities and goals.

According to **Deb Russell**, Manager, Outreach and Employee Services, Walgreens Company and Chair of the USBLN® Board of Directors, "I welcome the diversity of experience and industry that the new members bring to the organization. The Board greatly values the CAB's expertise on the current business environment, and we are pleased to offer the members a forum to discuss and define their collective needs in the field of disability employment, disability marketing and disability supplying, along with identification of emerging trends in these fields."

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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