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Annie Presley Named to National Women's Business Council

Washington, DC – Annie Presley, Principal and Owner of The McKellar Group, Inc., has been appointed to a three-year term on the National Women's Business Council.

The National Women's Business Council is a bi-partisan Federal government 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 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
- Providing programs and platforms for *change* in order to expand and improve opportunities for women business owners and their enterprises.

"I am delighted to welcome Annie Presley to the National Women's Business Council," said Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Chairman and CEO of Carlson Companies and Chair of the National Women's Business Council.

"Policymakers rely on the Council for sound recommendations on policies and programs designed to foster women's entrepreneurship. As a skilled and successful woman in business, Annie brings a wealth of valuable experience to the Council. I am enthusiastic and grateful that our work will be strengthened by her contributions."

As the nation's advocate for the more than 9 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., the Council's upcoming agenda will include promoting: increased access to affordable health care; access to capital; access to federal contracts and international markets; and access to the information and expertise women business owners most need

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to succeed. The Council will expand its outreach efforts to regional, state and local women's business organizations and networks to involve as many women entrepreneurs as possible in its public policy initiatives.

Presley is the Principal and Owner of The McKellar Group Inc., a fund raising, consulting and special events group based in Kansas City, MO and Washington, DC. The McKellar Group represents a variety of clients seeking public affairs advice in the Federal government political arena. They strive to identify opportunities for corporate and nonprofit clients and encourage alliances between the private and public sectors.

Previously, Presley served as a Corporate Vice President for UBS PaineWebber, Inc. in New York City where she managed two divisions: Governmental Affairs and Charitable Giving. She was active in building relationships with the White House, members of Congress, state legislatures, and Governors and Mayors across the country. She served as the National Deputy Finance Director for Bush for President in Austin, TX.

"It is a privilege to serve President Bush and his Administration on this distinguished Council," said Presley. "Women across the country consistently demonstrate their prowess as successful business owners. It is my goal that all women who wish to start and own a business will find the courage and necessary tools to succeed through the National Women's Business Council."

Women business owners currently represent almost 38% of all U.S. firms with a growth rate twice that of all businesses. They employ one out of every four company workers and contribute \$3.6 trillion in annual revenues.

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