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Beverly Inman-Ebel Named to National Women's Business Council *Federal Appointment for Chattanooga, TN-based Businesswoman*

Washington, DC – Beverly Inman-Ebel, CEO of Chattanooga, TN-based TLC, Talk Listen Communicate, has been appointed to a three-year term on the National Women's Business Council. Inman-Ebel will represent the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), of which she is a past president and member of the Chattanooga chapter. Her company, 26-year old TLC, provides keynote speakers, seminars, coaching, meeting facilitation, and original materials to help its clients achieve permanent and positive change in their communication skills.

The National Women's Business Council is a bi-partisan Federal government council that serves 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. The Council's mission is to promote bold initiatives, policies and programs designed to support women's business enterprises at all stages of development in the public and private sector marketplaces -- from start-up to success to significance. Members of the Council are prominent women business owners and leaders of women's business organizations.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Beverly Inman-Ebel to the National Women's Business Council," said Tami Longaberger, Chair of the National Women's Business Council and Chair and CEO of The Longaberger Company. "As a successful business owner, author and speaker, Beverly brings a wealth of valuable experience to the Council. Beverly's background as both a business owner and a leader in the international women's business community will enrich the Council, and I look forward to working with her to advance the priorities of women business owners."

The National Association of Women Business Owners is a national membership organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs in all industries. NAWBO has chapters in almost every U.S. metropolitan area as well as representation in over 40 countries across the world through its affiliation with Les Femmes Chefs d'Enterprises Mondiales (World Association of Women Entrepreneurs) and NEWWW.

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In addition to her contributions to NAWBO, Inman-Ebel is currently Vice President of NEWWW (Network of Entrepreneurial Women World Wide) in Paris, France. In 2004, she was honored as International Woman Entrepreneur of the Year by FCEM, an international organization with members from 40 countries. In addition, TLC has been distinguished locally as Small Business of the Year in 2000 by the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce. The author of three books and over 500 published articles, Inman-Ebel has been featured in *Time*, *Success*, and *Glamour* magazines as well as in *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal*, ABC World News Tonight and CBS Evening News. She has been a keynote speaker helping women business owners reach their potential at events around the world and has served on national advisory boards including Office Depot, Wells Fargo, and The Center for Women Business Research in NYC.

“I am honored to be appointed to the National Women’s Business Council and to have the opportunity to bring the voice of women entrepreneurs to The President, Congress, and the SBA,” said Inman-Ebel. “I look forward to working with other members of the Council to promote growth in the women’s business community. As a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, I understand the challenges of the nation’s women business owners and I hope to encourage more women to explore the benefits of entrepreneurship through my work on the Council.”

As the nation's advocate for the more than 10.6 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., the National Women’s Business Council works to promote 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 to succeed. Women-owned businesses currently represent nearly half (48%) of all U.S. firms, employing 19.1 million people and generating nearly \$2.5 trillion in sales.

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