

Federal Fiscal Year 2004 Awards to Existing Regular Women's Business Centers

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Alabama

1 Central Alabama Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 4

Population: Urban

We provide entrepreneurial counseling and training to women at any stage of small business ownership. We use the FastTrac curriculum for training as well as experienced speakers from the communities we serve on a variety of topics. Monthly and quarterly mentoring groups are in the formative stage and there are quarterly networking programs. A circuit-rider concept is developing for the rural counties. We have a computer training lab room at our location in Birmingham where monthly training is held on a variety of topics specific to Microsoft Office programs. Specific workshops will include a four-hour course on Developing Your Selling Skills and a three-hour program on Running Your Home Based Business that is held quarterly. Check out our website for the current program calendar. Continual followup and mentoring provides opportunities for successful

American Samoa

2 American Samoa Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 9

Population: Rural/Island

The American Samoa WBC provides comprehensive training programs to fit the specific needs of Native American Samoan women who are socially and economically disadvantaged. Specialized training in agribusiness and village-based business is provided to develop entrepreneurial skills and help women market and export their products. Assistance and training focus on childcare and care for the elderly. Other programs include a 12-session course "Starting Your Own Business".

Arizona

3 Tucson-Pima County Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 9

Population: Urban/Suburban

The Microbusiness Advancement Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to the economic growth of Southern Arizona and the individual professional development of its clients by providing training, resources, referrals, support and advocacy to those seeking to create, sustain, or grow microbusinesses. MAC offers a variety of programs and services both in English and Spanish, which are designed to assist the small business owner in reaching their entrepreneurial goals: business plan writing, consulting, procurement, informational seminars, microlending, and loan packaging. Although by no means exclusively, MAC targets populations in the southern Arizona markets which are traditional underserved, minority and women entrepreneurs.

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California

4 CHARO Community Development Corporation

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 9

Population: Urban

Specializing in providing bilingual/bicultural business services, the CHARO SBA Women's Center provides all services in both English and Spanish to both start-up and existing women-owned enterprises. The Center's mission is to harness resources, provide access to capital, and provide economic opportunities that create wealth and generate jobs. Services include: Entrepreneur Training, Loan Packaging Services, Business and Technical Assistance, Financial Literacy Training, Business Incubator, Small Business Contract Procurement Center and access to the Computer Resource Lab.

California

5 Women's Economic Venture of Santa Barbara

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 9

Population: Urban

Established in 1991, Women's Economic Ventures or WEV (pronounced "weave") provides training, technical assistance, mentoring, Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) and loans of up to \$100,000 to woman-owned businesses in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties in the Central Coast region of California. WEV's 14-week "Self-Employment Training" course prepares clients to launch or grow a business enterprise. WEV provides ongoing support for growing businesses through Mastermind Groups, W! (a membership networking organization), workshops, individual business counseling, and Micromentor, an online mentoring project. WEV licenses its training curriculum to organizations locally and throughout the United States. WEV has offices in Santa Barbara, Camarillo and Santa Maria, California. All services are provided in English and Spanish.

California

6 National University Women's Business Center of California

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 9

Population: Urban

The National University WBC reaches out to women in the San Diego community which includes many nationalities—Hispanic, European, Asian, Middle Eastern, Native American and African American. The WBC reaches out to military veterans, spouses of active military personnel, immigrants working in the farming, child-care providers, persons in the landscaping industry, and San Diego's 18 Indian reservations. The National University WBC offers five areas of support to its clients: 1) training through classes and seminars; 2) counseling and mentoring on a one-to-one basis; 3) networking with its Advisory Board, San Diego businesses, NU's students, faculty and other clients; 4) providing access to resources and information; and 5) helping clients to access training and assistance in obtaining financial resources.

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California

7 Inland Empire Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 9

Population: Urban

The Inland Empire WBC is a program of the Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship at California State University San Bernardino. The Center's target area is Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, which is 70 miles inland from the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The two counties served by the IEWBC have a population that is among the fastest growing in the nation serving approximately 3.25 million people and is ranked 11th nationwide in the growth of women-owned firms, employment, and sales from 1987 to 1996. The primary full time office location for the WBC is in partnership with Arrowhead Credit Union (the largest credit union in the County of San Bernardino) and is located in the heart of the business district. Inland Empire WBC provides mentoring, advising, long and short-term training in all areas of business development to existing and aspiring women owned businesses. Services are available in English and Spanish. The WBC targets women in the fields of construction, trades, general contracting and technology.

Kansas

8 Kansas Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 7

Population: Urban/Rural

The Kansas Women's Business Center (KWBC) provides services to advance the success of women business owners, resulting in a stronger entrepreneurial economy. Serving clients statewide, the KWBC provides access to capital, education, and resources to women entrepreneurs at every stage of business development through business counseling, seminars, classes, & workshops, networking and mentoring. As a program of the Enterprise Center of Johnson County, which itself operates as a business incubator in the high business growth area of Johnson County, Kansas, the KWBC offers a host of services designed to enhance a client's entrepreneurial and general business knowledge. Training and assistance is available in areas such as finance, marketing, business management, technology and government procurement. While services are open to everyone, scholarships target socially and economically disadvantaged women. Mentoring roundtables meet monthly for peer to peer and expert counseling in various business functions. KWBC training programs include FastTrac New Venture, FastTrac Planning, STARTing a Profitable Small Business, Listening to Your Business, Out of Your Head and Into Business, and Fast Forward Strategic Planning. The center also hosts a weekly radio show, Enterprising Women, presenting creative ways to help entrepreneurs start and grow their companies.

Louisiana

9 Urban League of Greater New Orleans (ULGNO) Women's Business Resource Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 6

Population: Urban

The New Orleans metropolitan area, the target area of the WBC, is home to 24% single-female headed households, 62% African American and 53% of households are described as low income. Among the services they will provide are: the organization of at least one trade association of home-based women entrepreneurs, i.e., childcare providers, to maximize their profitability and management capabilities; development of a micro-business loan fund with the participation of at least one bank; seminars with such topics as "So You Think You Can Cook---Try Catering," "e-commerce From Your Home," and "Getting Government Contracts." Long-term training will use the NxLevel curriculum. Basic etiquette, dining out, gift giving, accepting invitations, saying thank you will also be a part of their training.

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Massachusetts

10 Center for Women & Enterprise, Inc. (CWE)

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 1

Population: Urban

CWE offers assistance to women business owners in several formations: -Destination Success, which concentrates workshops into a half day long event, allowing business owners to choose from specific workshops on relevant topics in a single day. - Information sessions on subjects such as pros and cons of owning your business, e-commerce and internet marketing, finance Q&A, procurement and others as determined by client demand. - Facilitated long-term groups that help women with start up (First Step Fast Trac, Community Entrepreneurs Program and Business Plan Workshop) or growth and stabilization (WNET-roundtable mentoring) of their businesses. One-on-one counseling through CWE staff and resource partners that focuses on loan packaging, procurement, and finance issues as well as a range of marketing and management issues as needed.

Michigan

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 5

Population: Suburban/Rural

GROW offers Business Readiness, Start-Up, and Business Plan classes and Economic self-sufficiency training and asset building through its Matched Savings program plus counseling, workshop and networking opportunities. GROW is actively involved in providing training for home-based day-care providers in business management and setting up financial management systems. Established businesses participate in the Upclose seminars on topics such as certification, procurement and networking.

Minnesota

12 WomenVenture

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 5

Population: Urban

WomenVenture's mission is to assist women in securing their own economic success and prosperity. This empowerment occurs through consulting and training in a variety of areas: business development, career transitioning, training for women to enter non-traditional occupations (which provide better lifetime earnings) and education and mentoring of young women around economic issues. The WomenVenture Business Center provides technical assistance to women entrepreneurs through one-on-one consulting, business-planning seminars and workshops plus advanced business training through the College of St. Catherine distance learning modules. The Center is an intermediary for the SBA Loan Prequalification and Microloan programs, providing microloans from \$200 to \$25,000. Please visit the WomenVenture Web site.

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Missouri

13 Missouri Women's Business Center (WBC at GO Connection, Inc.)

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 7

Population: Urban

The Western Missouri Women's Business Center is located in the heart of Kansas City, Missouri, and serves the Missouri side of the Kansas City Metro as well as western Missouri. The Center's mission is to provide women entrepreneurs with the training, education, advising, and access to funding they need to build financially sound businesses---at every stage of development.

The Center provides long-term training workshops, one-on-one advising, access to capital (through our Microloan program), mentoring programs, outreach seminars, and networking opportunities for our clients. The Center has as its goal, to create an equal opportunity for the success of all women entrepreneurs by providing special services for low- to moderate-income women and women who are socially and economically disadvantaged. This includes the "First Step FastTrac" training program offered three times a year, in addition to a Family Child Care Entrepreneurial program. Computers are available for training sessions as well as website and e-commerce tips. The Center's staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality of service to its clients and the community in order to enhance economic growth and personal achievement.

North Carolina

14 Mountain Microenterprise Fund, Inc.

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 4

Population: Rural

The Mountain Microenterprise Fund Women's Business Center, serving current and potential women business owners in the 12 county area of Western North Carolina, delivers knowledge and resources so that women from underserved communities can develop their own businesses and achieve their goals and dreams. The Women's Business Center offers a variety of services including an 8-week business planning course, one-on-one technical assistance, monthly training and networking seminars and access to loans. MMF works toward the fulfillment of its mission through five specific programs that form a comprehensive network of services and support for start-up and growing businesses. AEO has learned that comprehensive microenterprise development programming consists of four key elements. These are: Training and Technical Assistance, Credit and Access to

North Carolina

15 North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 4

Population: Urban

The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development targets both urban and rural women seeking business assistance within the state of North Carolina. The center provides orientation, short - and long-term training, mentoring and networking. Classes range from business start ups to financing and ongoing management assistance.

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Nebraska

16 Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP)

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Status: Currently Funded Center
First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 7
Population: Rural

The Women's Business Center in Nebraska is a program of the Center for Rural Affairs' Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP). REAP's WBC is the first and only SBA funded Women's Business Center in the state of Nebraska. REAP is committed to strengthening rural communities through small, self-employed business development assistance. REAP's Women's Business Center project is a center without "walls", using REAP's infrastructure with business specialists located throughout the state to deliver the WBC services to rural small businesses. REAP's Women's Business Center will serve existing and start-up self-employed women across rural Nebraska, improve the accessibility of REAP's basic business training across Nebraska for women, provide Internet training for women in business on a regional basis, participate in an on-line Women's Business Center (OWBC) co-sponsored by SBA, increase REAP's outreach to provide training, technical assistance, networking and lending, targeting socially and economically disadvantaged women through our existing infrastructure.

Nevada

17 Nevada Micro-Enterprise Development Corporation

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Status: Currently Funded Center
First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 0
Population:

Our Mission: To enhance the economic self-sufficiency and quality of life of low to moderate-income individuals through entrepreneurial training, technical assistance and access to loans for new and expanding businesses throughout the State of

New York

18 The Local Development Corporation of East New York

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Status: Currently Funded Center
First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 2
Population: Urban

The Local Development Corporation of East New York provides training, counseling, mentoring, and assistance in the areas of finance, management, marketing, government procurement, loan and loan packaging. The center provides business workshop series, including "Business Ideas," "What's Hot, What's Not" and "Exploring Franchise Opportunities." The center also hosts a Minority Women Business Roundtable.

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New York

19 Women's Business Center of New York State

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Status: Currently Funded Center
 First Year Funding: R-2001

 SBA Region: 2
 Population: Urban/Suburban/Rural

Upstate New York, the target area of the WBC, has both rural and urban areas that are economically distressed. In the city of Utica, where the WBC is located, 82.5% of households are described as below the poverty level. Among the programs are: home-based businesses, disadvantaged youth entrepreneurship for success, choosing your business niche, all aspects of business basics, importing/exporting, franchise, total quality management, doing business on the Internet.

New York

20 The Women's Business Resource Center (Hunts Point)

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Status: Currently Funded Center
 First Year Funding: R-2001

 SBA Region: 2
 Population: Urban

All clients will fill out an intake form so they can be assisted with the exact needs of the clients. The Entrepreneurial Assistance Program provides 50 hours of training through a 10-week course. Monthly entrepreneurs clubs will provide ongoing mentoring.

New York

21 Queens Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center
 First Year Funding: R-2001

 SBA Region: 2
 Population: Urban

The WBC will pay particular attention to immigrant women in the neighborhoods with the highest concentration of immigrants in Queens: Flushing, Jackson Heights, Corona, Elmhurst and Rego Park -Forest Hills. In 1999, there were 89,300 residents of Queens receiving public assistance. They are developing the St. Albans Market Place, a neighborhood development project designed to offer economic opportunities for micro-enterprise businesses by providing flexible selling spaces. They will office a youth entrepreneur program in collaboration with existing Queens youth programs. A youth entrepreneur curriculum has been developed for minority youth who have very limited opportunities to learn about entrepreneur concepts and models. The

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New York

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Status: **Currently Funded Center**

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 2

Population: Urban

The Women's Business Center, located in the New York State Empire Zone and banking development district, provides a three-pronged approach to supporting and promoting the success of entrepreneurs and small business owners: Training, Counseling and Mentoring. Training includes the Women's 9-session Leadership Certificate program that meets in the evenings. Additional business workshops are offered throughout the year on campus and at various community locations in collaboration with the SBA and other organizations. Scholarships are available to economically and socially disadvantaged women. Counseling is available from bankers, attorneys, accountants and insurance professionals. Mentors are available through the local chapter of NAWBO (National Association of Women's Business Owners). The Center has computers available to participants with access to

New York

23 Women's Enterprise Development Center, Inc.

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Status: **Currently Funded Center**

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 2

Population: Urban

The Women's Enterprise Development Center (WEDC) offers assistance in White Plains, NY and reaches to NY Lower Hudson Valley including Northern Westchester County, Putnam County, and Rockland County. WEDC's four target populations are low-income women and women transitioning off public assistance; displaced homemakers; Latinas; and child care providers. WEDC also outreaches to survivors of domestic violence. Among the services they provide are a multi-tiered service delivery model, helping clients gain both business and personal skills needed to manage their businesses and achieve economic self-sufficiency; networking events; comprehensive printed entrepreneurial training curriculum in both English and Spanish; computer-based trainings, to be conducted at various locations throughout southern Westchester County. Each client is offered an opportunity to be paired with a volunteer mentor from the local women's business community.

Ohio

24 Alex Community Development Corporation

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Status: **Currently Funded Center**

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 5

Population: Urban

The Alex Community Development Corporation (Alex CDC) serves the city of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Alex CDC serves a wide range of small business owners with a special emphasis on women business owners in their early stages and women looking to grow their existing business. Alex CDC provides training courses, counseling and mentoring, technical assistance, and networking events. Additional, outreach programs are held at libraries within the Cuyahoga County Library Network.

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Oklahoma

25 Institution Programs, Inc.

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Status: Currently Funded Center
First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 6
Population: Urban

The I.P.I. Women's Business Center, operating under the name of the Terry Neese Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence, is a well respected business development center, staffed exclusively by entrepreneurs who either currently own a small business or have owned businesses in the past. We council, free of charge, entrepreneurs wanting to start a business or ones attempting to expand their existing business. We offer a variety of small group workshops on topics such as business plan development, access to capital, sales and marketing, procurement, how to use the internet, becoming a certified woman business owner and others. Additionally, we conduct state-wide conferences and special events featurin g successful women and minority business owners as well as host mentoring groups for women who are TANF recipients, survivors of domestic violence, welfare recipients and home

Oklahoma

26 Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center
First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 6
Population: Rural

The OIO Women's Business Center offers services statewide, with the exception of Oklahoma City. The center provides counseling and technical assistance in all areas pertinent for start-ups and business expansions. The center is an SBA loan prequalification intermediary and offers guidance in loan packaging and makes referrals to SBA lenders. The center's main office is in Norman and has office hours on certain days in the following areas: Durant, Broken Bow, Tahlequah, Lawton, Anadarko, Clinton, El Reno, Pawnee, Ponca City and Kaw City. Business training is provided in all the locations.

Oklahoma

27 Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc. (REO) Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center
First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 6
Population: Rural

The Rural Women's Business Center is a cooperative agreement between SBA and Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc. serving women entrepreneurs in the 21 counties of southeastern Oklahoma. The RWBC is committed to assisting rural Oklahoma's enterprising women explore the opportunities of starting a business or expanding and improving an existing business by providing business, technical and financial assistance. REI has the capability to help businesses with finances from \$1500 to \$10 million. Monthly roundtables, the Women's Biz Connection, have been started in several locations in the 21 -county area and others are being started monthly. Current and perspective women business owners network and each month a different topic of importance to starting and growing a business is presented by an expert on the issue. Partnering with organizations in the local area and utilizing the resources of REI, the RWBC works to provide assistance needed by women business owners.

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Pennsylvania

28 Community First Fund

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Community First Fund serves the counties of Lancaster, York, Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Berks, Perry, Adams, and Franklin. The population in that region is a little more than 2 million people and is both urban and rural. CFF provides one-on-one business counseling, small business long- and short term training, business loan assistance via CFF's resources and

Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 3

Population: Rural

South Dakota

29 Center for Women Business Institute

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The Center for Women Business Institute focuses on women in South Dakota that are interested in entrepreneurship in any capacity. We provide assessment, career counseling, consultation, referrals, resources and training for current and prospective South Dakota women entrepreneurs at little or no charge. Our focus is primarily on providing services to rural women in South Dakota. The Center maintains a bi-monthly newsletter that can be found on their website with updates and upcoming events.

Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 8

Population: Rural

Tennessee

30 Southeast Women's Business Center

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The WBC is located in the inner-city area of Chattanooga. Outreach is provided throughout the rural communities of Appalachia. The WBC offers traditional business development assistance to women business owners and potential entrepreneurs. The focus in rural areas is home-based businesses. The circuit-rider approach to provide access to services throughout Appalachia allows women who have never had access to such assistance become economically self sufficient through self employment.

Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 4

Population: Urban

Federal Fiscal Year 2004 Awards to Existing Regular Women's Business Centers

SBA has issued FY 2004 awards to the following grant recipients to continue their 5 year term in the Women's Business Center program.

Texas

31 Women's Business Border Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 6

Population: Urban

The Women's Business Border Center is managed by the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and currently has 15 full-time staff professionals most of whom are of Hispanic descent and bilingual (English -Spanish) and experienced in providing services to small, women, and minority business owners. The Chamber's staff reflects the seventy-three percent (73%) Hispanic population of the region. The first WBBC satellite office was located in El Puente CDC to target the 35,000 displaced workers and other economically disadvantaged residents within the Empowerment and HUB Zone designated areas. Bilingual business skills and management training is available through the "Financial Literacy Series". The WBBC also produces bilingual training manuals, including; "So, you want to start a business?" "The Basic Components of a Business Plan", and "Website Marketing". Other services include arranging for local entrepreneurs to provide online mentoring and providing demographic statistics regarding women entrepreneurs along the U.S. Mexico border. "Water Cooler Talks" focuses on the roughly 4,000 SOHO to assess their needs and challenges. Due to the large military presence in the area, the Chamber has implemented the Women in the Battlefield program, which assists female veterans transitioning into civilian life. Bilingual assistance is provided for all business start-ups and expansions.

Virginia

32 Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2000

SBA Region: 3

Population: Urban

The Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia is a program of the Community Business Partnership, Inc., and enjoys the support of the Fairfax County Office for Women and George Mason University's Mason Enterprise Center. The WBC provides the training, assistance and support needed for women in the Northern Virginia region seeking to start or grow a business. The center hosts monthly networking events; provides training in start-up, management, financing and procurement; and offers free technical assistance, particularly with business and marketing plans. In addition, the Center offers unique programs for Fairfax County's home-based childcare providers; as well as a Hispanic Entrepreneur Project for those who prefer training and counseling conducted in Spanish. For more information, or to register for classes, please visit www.wbcnova.org.

Virginia

33 New Visions, New Ventures, Inc.

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2003

SBA Region: 3

Population: Urban

New Visions, New Ventures, Inc. services target the City of Richmond, VA, counties of Henrico and Chesterfield. These areas are a combination of urban and rural. NVNV reaches African American women and women who are socially and economically disadvantaged. NVNV provides services to women with disabilities, women from limited income neighborhoods, women who live in public housing and women involved in community corrections or programs related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Traditionally, NVNV's clients are low-income women who are either unemployed or in low wage jobs with little opportunity for upward mobility. NVNV provides monthly peer networking groups designed to foster positive reinforcement for clientele, a leadership development program, transportation and childcare.

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Washington

34 Northwest Women's Business Center

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Status: Currently Funded Center

First Year Funding: R-2001

SBA Region: 10

Population: Urban/Rural

The Community Capital Development Program at NW WBC provides assistance to seasoned entrepreneurs (in business three to five years) and to start up business owners (in business three years or less). The center serves six counties; Kitsap, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan, in Northwest Washington State. The center works closely with its many partners in the community, including banks, local economic-development agencies, small business development centers, and other local business support -service agencies. Community Capital Development has its own in-house loan fund as well as being an SBA lender and an intermediary for the SBA Loan Prequalification Program.