



# NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

## HISTORY

The **NWBC** was established as part of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988, which, among other things, eliminated the requirement in many states for women to have a male relative co-sign any business loan. In 1994, the Small Business Reorganization Act changed the Council's structure to its current form to include both women business owners and representatives of women's business organizations.

## WHAT WE DO

The Council is committed to:

- Conducting research on issues important to women business owners and their organizations.
- Communicating these findings widely.
- Providing a platform for change to expand and improve opportunities for women business owners and their enterprises.

## WHO WE ARE

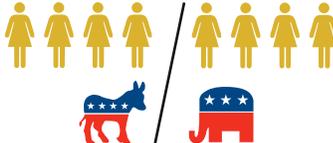
The **National Women's Business Council (NWBC)** is a non-partisan federal advisory council created to serve as an independent source of advice and counsel to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Small Business Administration on economic issues of importance to women business owners. The Council's mission includes conducting and supporting research on these issues in order 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 marketplace. The Council is the government's only independent voice for women entrepreneurs. Members are prominent women business owners and leaders of women's business organizations.

**15**  
MEMBERS / **3**  
YEAR TERMS

**1**  
PRESIDENTIALLY  
APPOINTED CHAIR



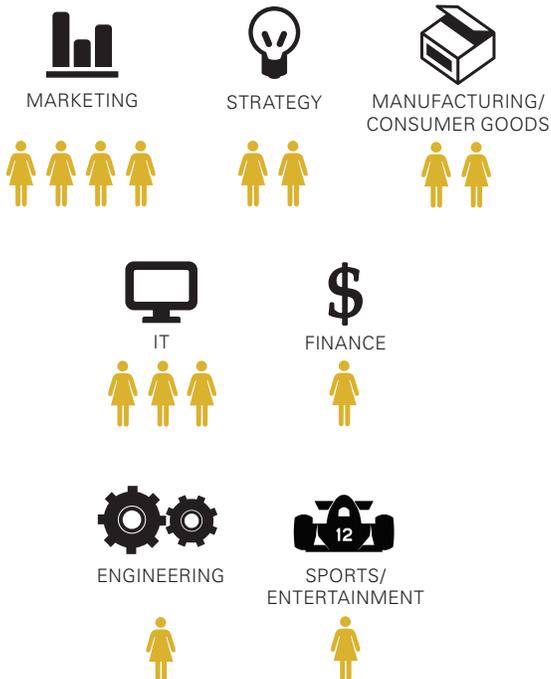
**8**  
BUSINESS OWNERS/CEO'S



**6**  
BUSINESS  
REPRESENTATIVES



## MEMBER INDUSTRY



## MEMBER GEOGRAPHY

