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SBA Announces 2003 NC Women in Business Advocate of the Year from Raleigh Area

Charlotte, NC – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Ms. Ellen Solomon, of Strategic Change, Inc., in Raleigh as the North Carolina Women In Business Advocate of the Year for 2003.

“It is a great pleasure to salute individuals that advocate on behalf of North Carolina’s women-owned small businesses,” said SBA’s North Carolina District Director Lee Cornelison.

Ellen Solomon has over 20 years experience in management, training, and organizational development. Ellen is President of Strategic Change, Inc., an organizational development consulting firm.

She is president of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Raleigh Chapter. She was awarded the 1999 NAWBO Chapter Spirit Award for her advocacy of women demonstrated by the energy time and dedication she devotes to the organization. She has created alliances between NAWBO and the e-Women Network. She helped create mentoring opportunities for women in businesses with organizations like The Women’s Business Center of North Carolina in Durham.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at the Raleigh NAWBO 25th Anniversary Gala, at The Matthews House, 317 W. Chatham Street in Cary. There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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