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Statement by SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto Praising Passage of Congressional Legislation Reauthorizing Women's Business Programs

WASHINGTON – Following the signing of H.R. 5008 by President Bush, U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Hector V. Barreto issued the following statement:

"I would like to thank the House and Senate leadership for acting to secure the passage of H.R. 5008. I also appreciate the assistance of Chairman Manzullo and Chairwoman Snowe and in particular the leadership of Representatives Nancy Johnson and Sue Kelly.

"Because of this action, approximately \$4 million will be available for women's business centers as sustainability grants. These grants will permit our network of women's business centers to provide assistance to one of the fastest growing segments of the small business community. The success of women entrepreneurs is an important priority for President Bush. At the SBA we're going to work hard to make sure women entrepreneurs have all the tools and resources at their disposal so that their businesses can grow and prosper."

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