



## **WOMEN'S BUSINESS OWNERSHIP REPORT**

**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**PORTLAND DISTRICT OFFICE**

**Sue Richardson, Women's Business Ownership Representative**, attended several activities during the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY09 that focused on women and women business owners. Sue and **Sylvia Gercke, Business Communications Director**, attended an open house at Easter Seals Oregon. Easter Seals was awarded a grant from the Oregon Department of Education through the "**Learning a Living Project**" program. This series will provide pre-employment training, job seeking skills, short term employer training, site placements, services into permanent employment and self employed support to persons over 40 with a documented disability. The project will serve persons living in Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Jackson and Josephine counties. SBA, Women's Business Center and SCORE materials were provided for their resource library.

Sue attended a chapter meeting at the "**Women in Networking**" group sponsored by the **North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce**. **Carol Hagemeyer**, Manager of the world's largest Costco warehouse in Hillsboro, was the guest speaker at the February **Westside Women**. This event was sponsored by the **Hillsboro Chamber** and the **Hillsboro Costco**.

The April **WNET (Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training)** will have **Kedma Ough, Director for the SBA's Women's Business Center**, as the key note speaker. **ONABEN, SBA's Women's Business Center**, will provide a booth to SBA at their Annual Trade Show and Conference held May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A QuickBooks Basic class was co-sponsored by **MamaEntrepreneurs, Inc.** and the **Portland Community College Small Business Development Center**. **Jim Steiner**, an SBA employee and **Karen Dunn**, SCORE member, assisted in the training. SCORE and SBA will be staffing a booth at the **Annual 2009 Women in Trades Fair May 14-16<sup>th</sup>**.

The **Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training (WNET)**, sponsored by the **Small Business Administration**, provides networking and focused interactive training sessions on a variety of small business management topics designed for small business owners. It also provides opportunities to connect with other business resources for additional training and counseling.

The **Women's Business Ownership Program** at the Portland District Office is gearing up for more outreach to women business owners for the remainder of this fiscal year. For more information, contact **Sue Richardson** at [sue.richardson@sba.gov](mailto:sue.richardson@sba.gov) or (503) 326-7251.

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