



**Joyce Bender, President and CEO, Bender Consulting Services,
Chair - DOBE[®] Host Committee for the USBLN[®] National Conference**

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WASHINGTON, DC (January 23, 2014) – The US Business Leadership Network[®] (USBLN[®]) is pleased to announce **Joyce Bender**, founder and CEO of Bender Consulting Services, has stepped forward to assume the leadership role of Chair of the DOBE[®] Host Committee for the 2014 USBLN[®] National Conference & Biz2Biz Expo (Bender Consulting Services is a certified Disability-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE[®])). The formation of this first-ever DOBE[®] Host Committee will enable DOBE[®]s to more fully participate as conference partners alongside their corporate and government member organizations that traditionally support the conference. It will also allow for heightened visibility for host committee members and focus on disability-owned and operated businesses as a critical element of USBLN[®]'s vision and mission.

As Host Committee Chair, Joyce will work closely with the USBLN[®] and Disability Supplier Diversity Program[®] (DSDP) on developing and implementing key strategies to help ensure successful outcomes for this year's conference including recruiting other DOBE[®]s to serve on the DOBE[®]s Host Committee, contributing to supply chain track program content, and ensuring a high level of visibility and focus on DOBE[®]s.

“On behalf of the USBLN[®], we are happy to welcome Joyce Bender as the Chair of the DOBE[®] Host Committee,” said **Jill Houghton**, Executive Director, USBLN[®]. “I’m confident that the experience and dedication that Joyce brings to the committee will be instrumental in highlighting disability business inclusion and the overall success of our 17th annual conference in Orlando, Florida this year.”

DOBE[®] Host Committee membership is limited to ten (10) seats at \$2,500 (for a list of partnership benefits go to <http://usbln.org/membership-partnership-opportunities.html#wbacp>). If you are interested and want to take a leadership role, please contact **Patricia Richards**, Director, DSDP at pjrichards81904@yahoo.com or **Joyce Bender** at jbender@benderconsult.com.

About Bender Consulting Services, Inc.

Bender Consulting Services recruits and hires people with disabilities in the public and private sectors, who are trained in the information technology, engineering, finance/accounting, human resources, and general business areas. The firm operates in the continental U.S. and operates in Canada as Bender Consulting Services of Canada. www.benderconsult.com

About the 2014 USBLN® 17th Annual National Conference & Biz2Biz Expo

Join the USBLN® on September 29 - October 2, 2014 in Orlando, Florida for the 17th Annual National Conference & Biz2Biz Expo entitled, “A Sea of Opportunity: Disability Inclusion for Innovation & Growth” the preeminent national business to business event that focuses on disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain and marketplace. With cutting-edge educational sessions, enhanced networking, exciting interactive programming plus high-profile speakers, attendees will gain actionable knowledge to build a business case for their disability inclusion initiatives and goals. Early-bird registration is now open, visit:

www.usblnannualconference.org

About the US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is a national non-profit that helps business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain, and marketplace. The USBLN® serves as the collective voice of nearly 50 Business Leadership Network affiliates across the United States, representing over 5,000 businesses. Additionally, the USBLN® Disability Supplier Diversity Program® (DSDP) is the nation’s leading third party certification program for disability-owned businesses, including businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. www.usbln.org

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