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### **Connecting Women to Power Business Conference Anticipates throng of Business Professionals**

California State University, Dominguez Hills in Carson, California will be the site of a vibrant gathering of women in business. In its third year, the Connecting Women to Power Business Conference is attracting the attention of women in business as never before. Registration has exceeded expectation, as more than 1,800 participants may attend.

The conference will be held June 28, 2013 at California State University, Dominguez Hills campus in the Student Union area. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Featured topics include: “Capitalizing on Tax Credits,” Expanding your Business Overseas,” and “Accessing Venture Capital.”

“This is probably the most important conference women can attend,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton, who along with his wife, will cohost the event. “Our aim is to connect women business owners to others like them so they can share ideas, ambitions, and stories of success.”

The Honorable Hilda Solis, former Secretary of Labor under the Obama administration, will deliver the keynote address. Her inspiring story includes tips for women in the private sector on how to overcome the many challenges they face.

Other specially invited guests include BOE Vice Chair Michelle Steel, California State Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal, Inglewood City Clerk Yvonne Horton, and representatives from the California Legislative Women’s Caucus.

A special interview area for the electronic media will be set aside for interviews with Chairman Horton, Yvonne Horton, Secretary Solis, and other participants.

The California State University Dominguez Hills Foundation and the Bridges Community Economic Development Corporation are also sponsors.

The conference is free, and advance registration is recommended for all participants. For more information about conference activities and details, patrons may call 1-888-847-9652 or visit the Board of Equalization website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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