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Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) Hosts Annual Keynote Event *Featuring "Pathways to the Power Seat" with E&Y's Beth Brooke, Moderator Jo Ann Davidson*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (April 1, 2010) — WELD, central Ohio's premier women's professional economic and leadership development organization, will host its high-profile annual Keynote event at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel on April 12, 2010. Each year, WELD brings nationally known speakers and leaders to Columbus with the goal of advancing the dialogue around women's issues. This year's event, "Pathways to the Power Seat", features keynote speaker Beth Brooke of Ernst & Young and moderator Jo Ann Davidson.

More than 400 people are expected to attend this year's Keynote event and will spend the evening with one of Forbes' "World's 100 Most Powerful Women" and former advisor to the Clinton Administration, Beth Brooke. Currently serving as Global Vice Chair, Public Policy, Sustainability and Stakeholder Engagement at Ernst & Young, Brooke plays a leading role in setting the worldwide strategic direction of the company while also committing significant time and effort to advancing women in business and society through economic empowerment.

"WELD's annual Keynote event is a wonderful opportunity to gather hundreds of central Ohio professionals together to benefit from the success stories of national speakers while also discussing business growth practices and leadership development topics with other influential leaders in our community," said Carol Clark, president of WELD.

The Keynote event will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel located at 50 N. 3rd Street. A networking reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 for members and \$70 for guests. **There will be no walk-in registration.** All attendees must purchase tickets prior to the event at www.weldoh.org.

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About WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Development)

Founded in 2003, WELD is a non-profit organization that strives to increase the number of women serving in leadership positions in business and government in central Ohio and to raise the visibility of their accomplishments. WELD focuses on economic and leadership issues facing women in profit and non-profit organizations and builds special programs, events, and a community to support leadership development and business growth. WELD offers distinct programming for women in medium-sized or large corporations and organizations as well as women who own their own businesses or work in small organizations. Programming provides both personal and professional development advice and advances the dialogue around women's issues, challenges and opportunities.

For more information on WELD or to request a copy of the 2010 "Women You Should Know" calendar, visit www.weldoh.org or contact us at info@weldoh.org.

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