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The Association of Women’s Business Centers receives S&P Global Foundation Grant

Washington, D.C. – The Association of Women’s Business Centers (AWBC) has been awarded a $50,000 grant from the S&P Global Foundation, a philanthropic organization that focuses on bridging the global skills gap, creating an inclusive economy, and promoting a sustainable future.

The grant will go towards training Women’s Business Centers (WBCs) in engaging with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to inspire entrepreneurship and find partnerships within their communities. AWBC will use this generous award to strengthen the connection between WBCs and HBCUs, building cultural competency, and enhancing the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst underserved communities.

“Our mission has always been to secure economic justice and entrepreneurial opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged women,” commented Corinne Hodges, CEO of AWBC, in response to the grant award. “This partnership with S&P Global Foundation will allow Women’s Business Centers across America to strengthen their support of the incredible entrepreneurial talent at HBCUs.”

Carolyn Cavicchio, Director of Corporate Responsibility, Vice President S&P Global Foundation, added, “We at S&P Global Foundation are dedicated to bridging the global skills gap and creating an inclusive economy. Our collaboration with the Association of Women’s Business Centers will encourage entrepreneurial leaders at HBCUs to re-imagine and inspire the world around us.”

About AWBC: The AWBC (www.awbc.org) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1998 to support the national network of Women’s Business Centers (WBCs) with programming and advocacy. Each year, our members leverage WBC grants to operate more than 150 locations throughout the United States. WBCs have more than 25 years of success in providing business training, counseling, mentoring, and access to capital to women entrepreneurs. The WBC program is a public-private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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