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MD Woman Out to Change Disparity in Minority Women-Owned Businesses

Columbia, MD – March 26, 2007 - Women of color are starting businesses at five times the rate of all businesses, but their businesses are not achieving the same level of success as measured by revenues and employment, according to a recent published report by the Center for Women Business Research.

The Center for Women's Business Research is collaborating with Babson College's Center for Women's Leadership on a unique research project entitled: "Accelerating the Growth of Businesses Owned by Women of Color."

The corporate sponsored program is to uncover the challenges and barriers that women-of-color entrepreneurs are facing in their attempts to grow their businesses and to identify actions and strategies that are successful in meeting and overcoming these challenges and obstacles.

Deborah Stallings, President and CEO of HR Anew of Columbia, Maryland, is a participant in this groundbreaking research and recently attended a one-day research forum hosted by the Center for Women's Business Research. HR Anew, which has 17 employees, earned \$1.2 million in 2006 and has set a revenue earnings goal \$3 million for 2007.

For more info about the Center for Women's Business Research, log on to www.womensbusinessresearch.org.

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