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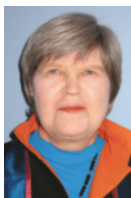
S. Carol Dougal is co-founder and co-president of the Women's Business Development Center. Operating for 25 years, WBDC is recognized as the comprehensive women's business assistance center in the USA. Ms. Dougal is also founding board member of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and has a lifelong commitment to civil rights, women's equality and economic development. Ms. Dougal has received numerous awards including the U.S. SBA Illinois Choice Award (2009).



Bea Fitzpatrick's professional expertise focuses on maximizing the value of human capital. In 1977, she received the first grant in our nation to create an entrepreneurial assistance program for women. Based on Ms. Fitzpatrick's work, AWED's success, and with support from the business community, in 1988 Congress passed legislation establishing entrepreneurial training programs for women in cities across the country.



Lindsey Lee Johnson served as the National Director of the Office of Women Business Owners at the SBA when the first awards were made to open Women Business Centers (1989-1993). In conjunction with the remarkable awardees, during her tenure at the SBA, Lindsey worked to change the funding requirements for WBCs to support sustainability. Lindsey's career focuses on economic and community development.



Virginia Littlejohn is a past President of NAWBO, an architect of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988, and former Vice President of the World Association of Women Entrepreneurs. She is CEO of Quantum Leaps, helped incubate WEConnect International, and developed "The Roadmap to 2020" process to fuel women's enterprise development globally.



Hedy M. Ratner, co-founder and co-president of the Women's Business Development Center, has been an advocate for women's empowerment and women's economic independence for over four decades. Formerly a member of the National Women's Business Council and founder and member of the Illinois Women's Business Council and Illinois Commission on the Status of Women.



Andrea Silbert is the President of the Eos Foundation, a philanthropic foundation with offices in Boston and Harwich, MA. In 2006, Andrea was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the Massachusetts Democratic primary. Active in many organizations focused on women and economic justice, Andrea co-founded and served as the CEO of the Center for Women & Enterprise. She attended Harvard University, earning a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.