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Preparing Women for the 21st Century Workplace Partnership Launched

WASHINGTON, DC — *Preparing Women for the 21st Century Workplace*, a collaboration between Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment and the Women's Bureau at the U. S. Department of Labor, was launched today on the Women Work! web site. This initiative is committed to making economic security a reality for even the nation's most vulnerable women workers and women from a wide variety of backgrounds – namely, female former offenders, single mothers, women veterans, older women, low-income women, and women of color.

Preparing Women for the 21st Century Workplace combines several resources for use in serving these groups of women, including but not limited to “tip sheets” with clear advice on achieving self-sufficiency, fact sheets on the current situation of these populations, and numerous additional resources for further exploration.

“Whether you are a woman facing one or more of these challenges or you are a service provider in need of resources, you will find something of use in this project,” says JoAnne Lyons Wooten, President and CEO of Women Work!. “We’ve cast a wide net - bringing together our own research and materials with other high-quality resources available online. The result is a wealth of information that we hope is widely used.”

Preparing Women for the 21st Century Workplace is available free of charge on the Women Work! web site. Visit www.womenwork.org to learn more about the initiative and to access resources.

Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advances economic justice and equality for women through education, advocacy and organizing. Since 1978, the Network has assisted millions of women to successfully enter, re-enter and advance in the workforce. Through supporting, advocating and increasing women's economic self-sufficiency, Women Work! members strengthen families and communities.

The Women's Bureau at the U. S. Department of Labor was created by law in 1920 to formulate standards and policies to promote the welfare of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment.

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