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## Walnut Creek Businesswoman Participates in National Summit to Support Women Business Owners

*Policy and thought leaders convene in Washington, DC to set economic agenda for women's entrepreneurship*

**Washington, DC** –Cecelia McCloy of Walnut Creek-based Integrated Science Solutions, Inc. and member of the National Women's Business Council (NWBC), participated in a national summit of policymakers, economics and women business owners in Washington, DC last week. Hosted by NWBC and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on February 26, the 2009 Women's Business Summit, *The Economy Through a Different Lens*, brought together the top minds in entrepreneurship to develop an economic agenda for the growth of women's business ownership.

Ms. McCloy participated in the summit as a member of the National Women's Business Council, the federal government's only independent voice representing the women's business community in national policy discussions. The event included remarks from Tina Tchen, White House Director of Public Liaison, and Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA), who discussed how the Obama administration and Congress will support small business owners. Staff from the House and Senate Small Business Committees, the SBA, and the SBA Office of Advocacy, along with leaders from national women's business organizations, also participated in the event.

"I was honored to represent the women's business community in Washington, D.C. at the 2009 Women's Business Summit," said Ms. McCloy. "Women business owners make tremendous contributions to our nation's economy. As a member of the National Women's Business Council, my goal is to help other women entrepreneurs succeed by advancing their needs and challenges on a national policy level."

The summit was followed on Friday, February 27, by a meeting of the National Women's Business Council, where Ms. McCloy and her fellow Council members discussed initiatives to further support the women's business community and engage future women entrepreneurs. For more information about the National Women's Business Council's mission, goals, and recent activities, please visit [www.nwbc.gov](http://www.nwbc.gov).

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The National Women's Business Council is a bi-partisan Federal government council created to serve as an independent source of advice and counsel to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Small Business Administration on economic issues of importance to women business owners. Members of the Council are prominent women business owners and leaders of women's business organizations. As the nation's advocate for the more than 10.4 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., the National Women's Business Council works to promote increased access to affordable health care, access to capital, access to federal contracts and international markets, and access to the information and expertise women business owners most need to succeed. The Council conducts research on issues of importance to women business owners and their organizations and connects the women's business community to policy makers in order to expand and improve opportunities for women business owners and their enterprises.