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**Women Presidents' Organization Launches Houston Chapter**  
*Forum for Accomplished Women Entrepreneurs Opens in Houston*

HOUSTON - The Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) will launch a new chapter in Houston on Thursday January 31, joining the Dallas, Austin and San Antonio chapters and increasing the WPO presence in Texas. The WPO is the premier organization for accomplished woman entrepreneurs grossing a minimum of \$2 million in annual revenue (\$1 million for a service-based business).

Through the WPO, a diverse group of women presidents are able to tap into the collective wisdom of their peers and advance their business and personal success. Local WPO chapters are coordinated by a professional facilitator and meet monthly to share business expertise and experience in a confidential and collaborative setting. In ten years, the WPO membership has grown to over 1200 members strong in the United States, Canada, Peru and the UK.

The rapid growth of the WPO is a reflection of the remarkable growth of women-owned businesses throughout Texas and across the country. As of 2006, there are an estimated 77,283 privately-held women-owned firms in Texas, accounting for 38.7% of all privately held firms, generating more than \$131 billion in sales, and employing over 900,000 people. In the United States, Texas ranks third in the number of privately held women-owned firms.\*

The Houston launch will be held at the home of Beth Wolff at 5733 Indian Circle from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact the Houston chapter facilitator, Paulette Turner at 817-421-6925.

**About Women Presidents' Organization (WPO):**

The Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) locally and internationally connects top women entrepreneurs at the million and multimillion-dollar level (\$2 million in gross annual sales or \$1 million for service-based business) for greater personal and professional success. In monthly meetings across the US and Canada, chapters composed of 20 accomplished women presidents from diverse industries and backgrounds invest time and energy in themselves and their businesses to drive their corporations to the next level. For more information, call (212) 688-4114 or visit <http://www.womenpresidentsorg.com>.

\* Statistics from the Center for Women's Business Research [www.cfwbr.org](http://www.cfwbr.org)