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Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, Members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues Hold a Briefing on the Economy's Impact on Women, Families

WASHINGTON (May 14, 2009) – “Looking for a Few Good Women,” was one of the messages delivered today by Labor Secretary **Hilda L. Solis** at a Capitol Hill breakfast sponsored by **Women's Policy, Inc.**, in conjunction with Members of the **Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues**.

The Labor Secretary was among family of sorts: She was a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues before joining the Administration earlier this year. Her remarks focused on the economy's impact on women and families. Despite the recession, she cited several industries that represent opportunities for job-seekers, especially women.

Sectors of the economy experiencing job growth include the health industry and the public sector, including the Department of Labor, which is seeking to hire some 1,000 people across the U.S., including lawyers, accountants and other specialists.

Also topping the list are green jobs, which are available in the emerging renewable-energy field for women trained as engineers with backgrounds in manufacturing and science.

Following the Secretary's remarks, Members of the Congressional Women's Caucus led the questioning of the Labor Secretary, including, **Caucus Vice-Chair Gwen Moore**, and **Reps. Lois Capps, Doris Matsui, Carol Shea Porter** and **Allyson Schwartz**. Moderating this morning's event were Caucus **Co-Chair Jan Schakowsky**, **Vice-Chair Moore**, and Women and the Economy/Business **Task Force Chair Schwartz**; also in attendance were **Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee** and **Mazie Hirono**.

The panel was joined by two experts: **Ellen Galinsky**, President and Co-Founder of the Families & Work Institute; and **Donna Klein**, Executive Chair of Corporate Voices for Working Families. Members of the audience, comprised of Congressional and federal agency staff, women's and advocacy organization representatives, also engaged in the discussion.

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