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The National Women's Council Honors Outstanding Female Executives at Houston Women's Conference

Houston, TX - The National Women's Council is proud to announce the 2017 Top 15 Business Women of Houston, a definitive list of female executives, influencers and achievers impacting various industries in corporate America. Each executive honored with this distinguished award will be formally recognized at the 2017 Houston Women's Conference on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. At the event, the award for The National Business Woman of the Year will also be presented to one exceptional female executive who exhibits undeniable leadership and commitment to the betterment of her community. This event offers women a venue to learn from and network with many of the top female business leaders in the Houston area. The theme of this year's conference will be "The Power to Be"

"The most extraordinary female leaders in Houston will be highlighted at the 2017 Houston Women's Conference," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and Chair of the National Diversity Council. "We are honored to be able to recognize women who are dedicated to success in their fields of expertise."

2017 Top 15 Business Women of Houston selection was based on the following criteria:

- Top leader in her organization and profession
- Demonstrates a high level of integrity and ethical behavior
- Inspiring role model and active mentor to women within the industry
- Hold proven track record of achievements in her area of expertise and contributes to business development
- Has an established commitment to corporate citizenship

Registration for the 2017 Houston Women's Conference is ongoing and can be completed at www.houwomensconf.com. For more contact Dennis Kennedy at dennis.kennedy@nationaldiversitycouncil.org.

2017 Business Woman of the Year

Cindy Taylor

*President, CEO & Director
Oil States International, Inc.*

2017 Top 15 Business Women of Houston

Carol Hess

*Vice President, Worldwide Mobility
Product Management
HP, Inc*

Susan Blocher

*Global Vice President, Data Center
Infrastructure Group
Hewlett Packard Enterprise*

Stephanie Stegall

*Vice President, Event Sales and
Operations
Houston Astros*

Allison Odom Bashir
*Manager, Diversity and Inclusion
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center*

Christina Chen
*Co-Founder, Vice President &
CFO
Carrier Energy Partners*

Malisha Patel
*Chief Operations Officer – SW Hospital
Memorial Hermann Health Systems*

Dana Hoyt
*President
Sam Houston State University*

Sharon Weintraub
*CFO North America Gas, Power &
NGLs, Integrated Supply & Trading
BP*

April Bailey
*Executive Vice President, Commercial
Banking
Amegy Bank*

Cheya Dunlap
*Organization & Talent Development
Leader, Integration Team
GE Power*

Daniella Landers
*Partner
Reed Smith*

Melinda Guerra-Reeves
*Executive Vice President,
Human Resources
Direct Energy*

Kimberly Stith
*Vice President & General Counsel,
Employment and Benefits
Waste Management*

Elizabeth Killinger
*President
NRG Retail and Reliant*

Jackie Wallace
*CIO & Vice President, Data and
Analytics
GE Oil & Gas*

About the National Women's Council

A non-profit organization committed to fostering a learning environment for organizations to grow in their knowledge of diversity. The council affords opportunities for organizations to share best practices and learn from top corporate leaders in the areas of diversity and inclusion.

More about the National Women's Council is available at: www.nationalwomenscouncil.org.

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