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STAMFORD — Fran Pastore, CEO of the Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) has been appointed as a member of the executive committee for the Business Council for Peace (Bpeace) and to the Board of Directors of Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC).

In October 2010 she was also appointed to the Governor's Small Business Advisory Board, charged with promoting resources to small businesses.

Bpeace is a non-profit international volunteer network of business professionals that believes more jobs means less violence and that the education of women leads to the education of an entire country. Bpeace focuses on the countries emerging from war, specifically Rwanda and Afghanistan.

Last May, Pastore returned from an intensive trip to Rwanda with Bpeace. She collaborated with other BPeace volunteers to deliver comprehensive training and support to 17 Rwandan women opening an ice cream shop called Sweet Dreams as well as providing small business counseling to other Rwandan entrepreneurs.

The AWBC develops and strengthens a global network of women's business centers to advance the growth and success of

women business owners.