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Roundtable and DOL Host Summit on Financial Services Workers with Disabilities

WASHINGTON, DC— July 19, 2011—Today, the Financial Services Roundtable and the U.S. Department of Labor hosted a call to action summit, “Financial Services Workers with Disabilities: Career Trends and Current Practices.” Special guests included Steve Bartlett, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Financial Services Roundtable; Seth D. Harris, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor; Kathleen Martinez, Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor; and John Dalton, former Secretary of the Navy and President of the Financial Services Roundtable’s Housing Policy Council.

“Cultivating a diverse work atmosphere which celebrates and advances American personnel of all backgrounds, and especially those with disabilities, is an industry wide goal,” said Bartlett. “The Roundtable is pleased to host this dynamic event with the Department of Labor.”

Harris said, “I want you to keep in mind something President Obama said during a bill signing last October: *“We’ve come a long way. But even today, too many Americans with disabilities are still measured by what people think they can’t do, instead of what we know they can. The fight for progress has never been about sympathy – it’s about opportunity.”*

“The Labor Department is committed to creating that environment of opportunity for every person with a disability who wants a job, and using every technique at our disposal to do so. Partnership with the people in this room is proof that businesses can succeed because of, not in spite of, their commitment to disability hiring and retention.”

The event brought out 50 attendees from human resources departments within the financial services sector.

The Labor Department, through its Office of Disability Employment Policy, focuses on ways to expand opportunities for people with disabilities. Its goal is a

world in which people with disabilities have unlimited employment opportunities. ODEP works to influence national policy and promote effective workplace practices that ensure today's workforce is inclusive of all individuals, including those with disabilities.

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