

**Industry Experts to Discuss Diversity at NEW Event
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Diversity and Inclusion for Business and Personal Growth

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Southern California region of the Network of Executive Women will host its fall networking event October 12 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, Calif. The Network, the consumer products and retail industry's largest diversity organization, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

More than 300 business executives are expected to attend the semiannual event entitled "YOUUnique! Diversity and Inclusion for Business and Personal Growth" which will focus on understanding and leveraging individual diversity to benefit our companies and our careers. The panel discussion will feature a distinguished group of industry leaders: Oscar Gonzalez, co-president/CEO, Northgate Markets; Bob Lim, vice president, Kraft Foods; Subriana Pierce, senior vice president, Albertson's; and Jocelyn Wong, group vice president, Safeway. The afternoon event will include networking, refreshments and a silent auction.

Marie Quintana, senior vice president, multicultural sales, PepsiCo will serve as panel moderator. Quintana is an experienced diversity professional who currently serves on the board of directors for the Network of Executive Women and has been named one of the "Top Women in Grocery" by *Progressive Grocer* magazine.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for men and women to enhance their personal and professional growth and network with key industry executives," stated event emcee Sue Klug, co-chair of the Network's Southern California region and president of Albertson's Southern California division. "Learning how to maximize your unique qualities can be a significant driver of success for your industry, company and career."

Tickets are \$80 and may be purchased online at newonline.org/events. Membership in the Network of Executive Women is not required to attend.

About the Network

Founded in 2001, the Network of Executive Women, Consumer Products and Retail Industry, has more than 4,000 members representing 400 companies, 70 corporate sponsors and 17 regions in the U.S. and Canada. For more information on the Network of Executive Women and its best practices, education, mentoring, networking and leadership development programs, visit newonline.org.

The Network of Executive Women logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=9445>

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