

## **US Business Leadership Network Commends President Obama's Disability Agenda**

WASHINGTON, DC (January 21, 2009) - The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) today commended the disability agenda released by President Barack Obama.

"As the only national business organization promoting the inclusion of Americans with disabilities in the workforce and marketplace, the USBLN stands ready to work with President Obama to implement his disability agenda," said John D. Kemp, Executive Director & General Counsel of the USBLN. "Whether it is embracing the U.N. Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, or fully integrating people with disabilities into their communities here at home, President Obama's support is essential to fulfilling the promise that all men and women are created equal."

The disability agenda addresses all facets of community life, including educational opportunities, ending discrimination and promoting opportunities, increasing employment and supporting community-based living. To learn more about President Obama's disability agenda, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/disabilities/>.

During the presidential campaign, then candidate Obama said: "We must build a world free of unnecessary barriers, stereotypes, and discrimination.... policies must be developed, attitudes must be shaped, and buildings and organizations must be designed to ensure that everyone has a chance to get the education they need and live independently as full citizens in their communities."

*The USBLN® is the only national business organization currently representing BLN chapters in 32 states - including the District of Columbia - and more than 5000 employers using a "business to business" strategy to promote the business imperative of including people with disabilities in the workforce and marketplace.*