

Legacies of Women Forum

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Moderator:



Irene Natividad, President, Global Summit of Women

Irene Natividad is President of the Global Summit of Women, an 18-year old annual gathering of women leaders in business and government who come together to share strategies for increasing women's economic empowerment globally. Ms. Natividad's commitment to promoting women, nationally and internationally, stems from her decade-long involvement with the National Women's Political Caucus, a 35-year-old bipartisan organization dedicated to electing and appointing more women to public office. In 2004, she was selected by Women's eNews as one of the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century." She was named in 1997 as one of "25 Most Influential Working Mothers" by Working Mother Magazine, and was also named in 1988 as one of the "100 Most Powerful Women in America" by Ladies Home Journal.

Panelists:



Stephanie Dawkins, Senior Vice President, AB Volvo

Stephanie Dawkins, Senior Vice President for AB Volvo, is the first and only African American to hold an executive position at this level in the 80-year history of AB Volvo. In her position, Ms. Dawkins has global responsibilities for various worldwide HR processes for the Volvo Group, including Labor and Employee Relations, Safety and the Working Environment, Health and Well-being, and Organizational Effectiveness, among others. Together with a team of HR professionals, she travels worldwide and is charged with leading Volvo's Human Resources organization into a "Best in Class" operation.



Gay Warren Gaddis, President and CEO, T3 (The Think Tank)

Gay Gaddis is president and CEO of T3 (The Think Tank). She started her company in 1989 with a cashed-in IRA and two employees. Today, T3 is the largest independent advertising agency owned by a woman in the country, with offices in Austin, New York and San Francisco and \$260 million in capitalized billings. Ms. Gaddis has been recognized as one of Fast Company's "Top 25 Women Business Builders," Inc. magazine's "Top 10 Entrepreneurs of the Year" and 25 Advertising Working Mothers of the Year by Working Mother magazine. T3's family-friendly workplace programs have been recognized by the White House, "Good Morning America," BBC World Service radio, USA Today and most recently, "Nightline."



Mary McDaniel, Vice President, Material and Corporate Sourcing, FedEx

As Vice President of Material and Corporate Sourcing at FedEx Express, Mary McDaniel oversees all contracts and procurement, and manages aircraft parts inventory and logistics support for the FedEx global fleet. With a multi-million dollar annual operating budget and more than 500 employees and contractors, Ms. McDaniel supports about 900 stations and 10 air express hubs worldwide. She also manages a \$1 billion supply chain of aircraft parts along with inventory management, supplier relations, and technical documentation and systems. Additionally, she is responsible for more than \$5 billion in corporate spending for vehicles, information technology, printed materials, office supplies, telecommunications, fuel and other purchases.



Margaretta Noonan, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Hudson Group

Margaretta Noonan is Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Hudson Group, one of the world's leading professional staffing, retained executive search and human capital solution providers. Much of Ms. Noonan's experience is within the retail sector, where she has served as a specialist in a variety of different HR disciplines. Ms. Noonan regularly speaks and publishes on such topics as the challenges of recruiting and hiring in today's market.

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