THUNDERBIRD TO TRAIN 28 WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS FROM 10 COUNTRIES
Forthcoming program to deliver business skills training announced by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

(GLENDALE, Ariz.) January 20, 2012 — Thunderbird School of Global Management is about to welcome 28 women entrepreneurs from 10 countries to campus for two weeks of intensive business skills training. The program, a partnership between the school, the U.S. Department of State and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women initiative, is the first of three “global cohorts” of women who will receive training in Arizona. From January 21 through February 5, they’ll take part in entrepreneurship courses at Thunderbird, visit businesses across the state and meet with local female business leaders.

“We are so thrilled to welcome such a diverse, motivated, intelligent group of women to Thunderbird’s campus,” said Amy Scerra, program manager for the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women Entrepreneurship Partnership Program at Thunderbird. “Growth begins at the end of your comfort zone. These women are stepping outside this zone, and are actively creating opportunities for themselves.”

Participants selected for the highly competitive Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women Entrepreneurship Partnership Program at Thunderbird are emerging women business leaders who run small to medium sized companies across the world. They represent a number of industries - from traditional handicrafts, to computer training and natural resources consulting. Nations represented as part of the first cohort include:

- Indonesia
- Tajikistan
- Tonga
- Papua New Guinea
- Kyrgyzstan
- Uzbekistan
- Samoa
- Kiribati
- Palau
- Samoa
- Malaysia

The community is invited to meet the women at a casual welcome reception and global market, to be held at Thunderbird’s campus on Monday, January 23 at 3 p.m. The women will be selling some of their products, and light refreshments will be served. Remarks will be given by Thunderbird President, Dr. Angel Cabrera, Sharon Harper, President and CEO of The Plaza Companies and a member of Thunderbird’s Board of Fellows, as well as Ambassador Barbara Barrett, a Thunderbird Trustee.

Thunderbird’s philanthropic arm, Thunderbird for Good, has been running programs for entrepreneurs coming from developing nations since 2005. More than 30,000 participants have attended Thunderbird for Good programs at our campus in Glendale, Arizona, and in the communities where they live and work all over the world. Past projects have worked with women entrepreneurs in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Peru and Jordan, as well as male radio broadcasters and radio station owners from Afghanistan. This is the first Thunderbird for Good program that will bring together such a diversity of participants from so many countries at one time.

For more information, members of the media should contact Samantha Novick, Public Relations and New Media Specialist, at 602-798-7922, or Amy Scerra, Program Manager, at 602-978-7609.

About Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women
10,000 Women is a five-year initiative to provide a business and management education to underserved female entrepreneurs in developing and emerging markets. The program is designed to drive greater shared economic growth, leading to stronger healthcare, education and greater prosperity in the communities where it operates. 10,000 Women operates through a network of more than 75 academic and nonprofit partners to provide locally relevant coursework and mentoring. For more information, please visit: www.10000women.org
About Thunderbird
Thunderbird is the world’s No. 1-ranked school of international business with more than 60 years of experience in developing leaders with the global mindset, business skills and social responsibility necessary to create real, sustainable value for their organizations, communities and the world. Dedicated to preparing students to be global leaders and committed global citizens, Thunderbird was the first graduate business school to adopt an official Professional Oath of Honor. Thunderbird is sought out by graduate students, working professionals and companies worldwide seeking to gain the leadership skills they need to succeed in today’s global economy. For more about Thunderbird, please visit: www.thunderbird.edu.