THUNDERBIRD SELECTED TO TRAIN HAITIAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS
Third “Global Cohort” co-sponsored by the U.S. State Department and Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women program

(GLENDALE, AZ) August 2, 2012 — Thunderbird School of Global Management has been chosen to train a select group of 27 female entrepreneurs from Haiti, as part of an intensive business skills program to be held on campus this fall. The program, a partnership with the U.S. State Department and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women initiative, is the final of three “global cohorts” of women business owners from around the world who will be trained in Arizona. From October 13-28, the women will study entrepreneurship at Thunderbird, visit businesses across the state and meet local female entrepreneurs.

The program is a main component of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton’s Women’s Entrepreneurship in the Americas initiative, which seeks to break down barriers for women starting businesses in Latin America and the Caribbean. Currently, the U.S. Embassy in Haiti is soliciting applications for eligible female entrepreneurs who run small to midsized companies. The program will be taught in Haitian Creole and French. All prospective candidates should be in touch with the embassy no later than August 20 to be considered. Please contact:

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“Thunderbird is thrilled to welcome Haitian women entrepreneurs for our 3rd and final 10,000 Women Global Cohort,” said Amy Scerra, Global Cohort program manager. “At the 2012 Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas Summit, President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced that the focus of public-private partnerships would be on Latin America and the surrounding regions. The WEAmericas summit supports Thunderbird’s same mission, that investing in women-owned small and medium enterprises is one of the best ways to simultaneously achieve economic, financial, and social impact.”

Thunderbird School of Global Management, the world’s No. 1-ranked school of international business, has emerged as a leading institution for training entrepreneurs at the base of the pyramid. The participants from Haiti will join a select group of 53 women from 20 countries who have already participated in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women Entrepreneurship Partnership Program at Thunderbird, which began in January 2012. The program is modeled after Thunderbird’s Project Artemis, an intensive entrepreneurship immersion course that has empowered Afghan women entrepreneurs since 2005.

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