



**Dr. Ann Blackburn
Board Member
Women Impacting Public Policy**

As a member of the Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) Board of Directors, Dr. Ann Blackburn represents WIPP on the National Women's Business Council. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2006 and provides strategic counsel on strengthening the impact of women business owners at the federal legislative and executive levels.

She is President and Owner of Lafayette, CA-based Blackburn Advisory Services, a consulting firm that provides organizational advisory services, strategic business planning as well as real estate advisory services to private and public sector clients. Clients served have included government entities, small/midsize businesses, professional organizations and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Blackburn counsels and coaches small and mid/size company CEOs and their leadership teams on business growth, operations and change management. Ann facilitates and chairs corporate, community and offsite planning meetings and peer advisory meetings for Women Presidents' Organization, the Alliance of Chief Executives and the Executive Exchange.

Prior to starting her own company, Ann was the CEO of EPMI, a real estate management company with a portfolio valued at over a billion dollars. Ann was also a Deputy Director for the Presidio Trust, a federal corporation. From 1995-2000, Ann was the National Public/Private Practice Leader for Ernst & Young. As a Project Director for Bechtel Investments, Inc. from 1988-1995, Ann managed the development of business parks, the approval process for high-rise office buildings, real estate investment sales & acquisitions and partner/investor relationships for the Korean partnerships.

Specific real estate projects in the government sector include redevelopment plans for the Port of Tacoma Navy Marine property, the 5000 acre Mare Island Shipyard and the 3000 acre Reese Air Force Base. Existing military installation projects include Ft. Polk,

LA., Ft. Benning, GA, and Offut AFB, Neb. Private sector real estate development, construction and management projects include high rise developments in San Francisco and numerous business park and multi-family market rate and affordable and tax credit communities.

In addition to her current board positions with WIPP and NWBC, Dr. Blackburn serves on the Board of Directors for the YMCA. She has previously served as a member of the Board of Regents for JFK University and the Advisory Board for Chapman University. Ann was a Board Member of the California Women's Leadership Association and is an Alumna of Leadership California. She served as President of Commercial Real Estate Women San Francisco and as President of the National Network of Commercial Real Estate Women with chapters across the US. Ann participated as a delegate to the 2007 US State Department sponsored Middle Eastern/US Businesswomen Ambassador program in Jordan and continues to host visiting partners from the Middle East delegation. Ann is a member of the Association of Defense Communities and has been a frequent speaker at Economic Conferences, Urban Land Institute, Entrepreneur and Leadership Development Conferences.

Blackburn has a Doctorate from the University of San Francisco in Organizational Leadership, a MA from Cal. State University San Francisco and a BA from Cal State University Sacramento. She is a Professor Emeritus at the Chapman University graduate program for Organizational Leadership.

As a lifelong learner, Ann has completed extended university programs including UC Berkeley and Harvard. She has also studied at Cambridge University in Great Britain. As a lifelong athlete, she trains and competes in triathlons and enjoys extended bicycle tours throughout the world.