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### Missouri Women's Council Unveils New, Improved Web Site

**JEFFERSON CITY** \_ The Missouri Women's Council unveiled a new design of its web page today, placing an attractive new face on the site that connects Missouri women to a host of helpful business, employment and everyday living resources.

Under new leadership appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt, the Missouri Women's Council is actively working on ways it can provide the most up-to-date resources available to help improve women's lives. The newly designed web site, which can still be found at [www.womenscouncil.org](http://www.womenscouncil.org), gives women easy access to a wealth of online resources that focus on women in business, starting a business, obtaining state contracts, finding a great job, updating skills and strategies for working from home.

"We are excited about the new web site and the opportunity to reach Missouri women with helpful resources," said Vicky Hartzler, chairperson of the Missouri Women's Council. "The council's purpose is to support and help Missouri women as they pursue their economic and personal goals. Our new web site will enable every Missouri woman to access the most current information available in order to improve their daily lives."

In addition to providing business, employment, and training information, the web site serves as a gateway to the comprehensive Self-Sufficiency Standard, the Women's Resource Guide, information about famous women in Missouri's history, and many other resources. The web site is also a portal to information and a printable application for Missouri's special Breast Cancer Awareness License Plate, from which tax-deductible proceeds go to help fund breast cancer services for to eligible Missouri women between the ages of 40 and 49.

The Missouri Women's Council works closely with other agencies and community based organizations to promote the well being of women in Missouri. Located within the Department of Economic Development, the Council was created by statute in 1985 to identify and address issues affecting the economic and employment status of Missouri women. The Missouri Women's Council has 15 members, including two members of the Senate, two from the House, and 11 appointed by the governor.

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