



Co-Sponsorship Agreement
Between the International Council for Small Business (ICSB) and the
International Journal of Gender and Entrepreneurship (IJGE)

Best Paper Award in Women's Entrepreneurship

For five years, from 2003 to 2008, the International Council for Small Business (ICSB) has promoted and awarded a best paper in the field of women's enterprise development. Both the subject area and the award have become increasingly popular within the ICSB community, fuelling interest in the women's enterprise track at the ICSB World Conferences and drawing a growing number of submissions.

In previous years, the award has been co-sponsored by the US-based National Women's Business Council (NWBC), a government-funded policy advisory body representing the interests of women's enterprise at the national level, and ICSB. While the NWBC has been a valuable partner in this endeavour – as the only such body of its kind in the world – the launch of a new international academic journal, the *International Journal of Gender and Entrepreneurship*, focused on women's enterprise would elevate this award even further.

ICSB will continue the **Best Paper Award in Women's Entrepreneurship** in 2009, and subject to funding, continue such an award each year to coincide with its presentation during the ICSB World Conference. As in past years, and subject to funding in the future, the award will be a cash prize of \$1,000 United States Dollars (USD), and a certificate identifying the winner and co-sponsors. The 2009 award, and future awards subject to funding, will be co-sponsored by the ICSB and *International Journal of Gender and Entrepreneurship (IJGE)*.

As a co-sponsor of the Best Paper Award in Women's Entrepreneurship, the *IJGE* agrees to following terms and conditions:

- Participate in the review of the eligibility criteria for the award with the designee of ICSB and other possible co-sponsors and the chairperson of the ICSB Women's Entrepreneurship Committee;
- Designate one member of its organisation to participate in the blind review of all papers on women's entrepreneurship nominated by the ICSB World Conference competitive paper committee;
- When possible, participate in the presentation of the Best Paper award at the ICSB World Conference awards ceremony;
- Provide the *IJGE* logo and agree to its use on all promotional materials;
- Remit to ICSB, \$ 500.00 U.S. dollars (USD) to cover *IJGE's* contribution as a co-sponsor of the **Best Paper Award in Women's Entrepreneurship**, by April 30th each year.

ICSB is pleased that the *IJGE* is interested in joining with ICSB and other potential co-sponsors to grow the interest in and outreach for this award. We are certain that, together, this relationship will not only be of mutual benefit, but will fulfil our dual aim to improve the breadth, depth, quality and applicability of both academic and practitioner-based research.

By signing below and returning one copy of this signed document to the ICSB International Office, we mutually agree to the above terms and conditions. This agreement will continue from the date set forth 02 March 2009 on this agreement until both parties mutually agree in writing to discontinue the agreement or such time as one party informs the other in writing that it no longer wishes to join in this agreement.

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