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C.E. “Tee” Rowe of the America’s Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) Becomes 2017 Chair of Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC)

Washington, D.C. – Effective February 15, 2017, C.E. “Tee” Rowe, President of America’s Small Business Development Centers, has assumed the position of Chair of the Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC). The Chair of the SBLC is an annually elected position. Mr. Rowe succeeds John Grau, Chief Executive Officer of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), who served as Chair in 2016.

Earlier this year, the SBLC announced that the Council’s top priorities for 2017 will be improving health care, tax reform, and infrastructure.

“We expect 2017 to be an important year in Washington. Because of the power of our unique permanent coalition representing all sectors of our economy, we will play a major role in providing a voice for our Nation’s small and privately-owned businesses. As Chair, I look forward to helping the SBLC continue to grow in 2017.” said Mr. Rowe.

As outgoing chair, Mr. Grau introduced the SBLC’s new membership engagement plan, stating this “will engage all SBLC members in dialogue important to our associations.” It will also allow the members to “get to know each other as peers.”

“John Grau, as our 2016 Chair, played a significant role in advancing the SBLC’s agenda. He is an outstanding leader and voice for small business,” said SBLC President and General Counsel Paula Calimafde, Esq. “We expect that under Tee Rowe’s leadership the SBLC will continue to grow even stronger.”

The SBLC is an independent, permanent coalition of 50 national trade and professional associations whose goal is to maximize the advocacy and presence of small business on Federal legislative and regulatory policy issues, and to disseminate information on the impact of public policy on small businesses.

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