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### ***NABE INTRODUCES SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ROUNDTABLE***

#### **Inaugural Teleconference Set for February 24**

As the American economy recovers from the Great Recession, small businesses and entrepreneurs are playing an indispensable role in job creation and innovation. The National Association for Business Economics (NABE) has established the NABE Small Business and Entrepreneurship Roundtable, a special-interest networking group that will provide NABE members with a forum to discuss the economic impact of small businesses and entrepreneurs on our national and global economy.

"Small business and entrepreneurship, long the hallmarks of the U.S. economy, will be increasingly important to serve market niches and drive innovation," said NABE President **Lynn Reaser**, chief economist at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. "Our new roundtable will focus on some of the special issues facing this vital part of our economy and should provide important insights for businesses, investors, and policymakers."

A significant contingent of NABE members work with, or as, small businesses, entrepreneurial ventures, and consulting firms, and the roundtable has been designed to meet the special needs of this independently minded group. "With so many policymakers focused on the contributions and challenges of small business owners, it was important for NABE to add a roundtable that could address issues surrounding entrepreneurship," said NABE Small Business and Entrepreneurship Roundtable Chairman **Chad Moutray**, chief economist and director of economic research at the U.S. Small Business Administration. "We know that small businesses are being looked to for job creation, and this roundtable will allow us to discuss a number of economic topics of relevance to our membership and to the entrepreneur." Longtime NABE member **William Dunkelberg**,

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chief economist for the National Federation of Independent Business, will serve as the roundtable's vice chair.

The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Roundtable's inaugural teleconference, "Small Business and Healthcare Reform: Where Now?" will be held at 2:00 p.m. ET on February 24, and will be free-of-charge for both NABE members and non-members. NABE Small Business and Entrepreneurship Chair **Chad Moutray** and **Robert F. Graboyes**, senior healthcare advisor for the National Federation of Independent Business, will address a number of healthcare-related issues of interest to small businesses, including the recently passed House and Senate healthcare bills.

The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Roundtable is the ninth roundtable established by NABE. Each roundtable provides its members with various means of networking and information exchange. All NABE members may join one roundtable free-of-charge, and unlimited additional roundtables for a nominal annual fee. To join NABE, or to make complimentary adjustments to your roundtable memberships, please contact the NABE office at 202-463-6223 or [nabe@nabe.com](mailto:nabe@nabe.com).

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