The sample of companies used in the 2009 UC Davis Study of California Women Business Leaders consists of the largest 400 California companies, as measured by market capitalization, at the end of 2008. Each firm’s market capitalization was obtained from the Standard & Poor’s Compustat database in early May 2009, by which time firms’ market capitalization in December 2008 was available.

The information on women directors and executives was compiled from the companies’ filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and, more specifically, companies’ annual reports (10-K filings) and proxy statements (DEF14A filings). We used the SEC’s online EDGAR database to access company filings, and we focused on each firm’s most recent 10-K and DEF 14A filings, as of May 15, 2009.

Companies that were delinquent in their SEC filings as of May 15, 2009, were not included in the sample.

Changes in directors and executive officers after May 15, 2009, will be reflected in our 2010 census.

All reasonable steps have been taken to confirm the data and ensure their accuracy. Any remaining errors or omissions are the sole responsibility of the researchers.

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