

METHODOLOGY

The sample of companies used in the 2008 *UC Davis Study of California Women Business Leaders* was collected using net revenue from the Standard & Poor's Compustat database for fiscal year-end reported between June 1, 2007, and May 31, 2008. The 400 largest public companies headquartered in California were selected.

The information on women directors and executives was compiled from the companies' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Using the SEC's online EDGAR database, we examined proxy statements (DEF 14A), annual reports (10-K) and current reports (8-K) issued from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

We compiled statistics on the companies' board members and executive officers. We gathered this information for men and women at each company. To ensure that the data reflected the current status of the company on June 30, 2008, we examined current report (8-K) filings after the proxy statement to capture any changes to directors or executive officers.

Companies that were delinquent in their SEC filings as of June 30, 2008, were not included in the sample.

Changes in directors and executive officers after June 30, 2008, will be reflected in our 2009 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.