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JAK Graphic Design receives woman-owned small business certification from NWBOC

Darien, Ill. (August 2, 2016) — JAK Graphic Design, LLC, a marketing and design agency based in the western suburbs of Chicago, announced Tuesday that it has been certified as a Women-Owned Small Business by the National Women Business Owners Corporation.

The WOSB designation affirms JAK Graphic Design's commitment, under the leadership of President/Owner Jill Kerrigan, to woman- and minority-owned firms making positive contributions in corporate and government business, creating economic opportunity for all.

"I am so proud of JAK and honored to have the support of NWBOC," Kerrigan said. "It's imperative that corporations recognize the crucial role women and diverse businesses play in the local and national economy."

In addition to the NWBOC certification, JAK Graphic Design is certified as a Women's Business Enterprise in the city of Chicago, the state of Illinois, and with the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. Kerrigan also is a nominee for the National Association of Women Business Owners' 2016 Woman Business Owner of the Year award.

Kerrigan founded JAK Graphic Design in 1995, starting the business from the basement of her Naperville, Ill., home. Now located in Darien, her company of 16 employees creates innovative graphic design solutions for clients such as American Express, ComEd/Exelon/PECO, and Principal Financial Group. Earlier this year, Kerrigan completed the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program, a rigorous education program for entrepreneurs designed to help them grow their businesses and drive job creation.

"I was first certified as a WBE by the WBDC in Chicago in 2002, and over the years I've learned how important it is not only to be certified, but also to take advantage of all the opportunities these organizations offer," Kerrigan said. "It's great to meet and support women and small business owners. Women empower other women—I am so thankful and excited to continue to be a part of that."

ABOUT JAK GRAPHIC DESIGN, LLC: JAK Graphic Design, located in Darien, Ill., is a marketing and design agency that creates innovative graphic design solutions to help its clients achieve their marketing goals. JAK's professional team of designers, copywriters, and account executives has become an integral part of the marketing initiatives of clients such as American Express, ComEd/Exelon/PECO, and Principal Financial Group. www.jakgraphicdesign.com

ABOUT NWBOC (from nwbo.org): The National Women Business Owners Corporation (NWBOC) has led the way for women business owners to obtain WBE certification. Created in 1995, NWBOC was established to increase competition for corporate and government contracts through implementation of a national certification program for women business owners. www.nwbo.org

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