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Building a Strong Future for Working Women

"America has the most creative, productive and resilient workforce in the world, and the President wants to make sure that everyone who wants a job can find a job." --The President's Economic Security Agenda

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"The Voice of Working Women"

President George W. Bush resolutely believes that the fundamentals of the American economy are strong, yet he won't be satisfied until every American who wants a job can find a job, and that all Americans have economic security. Jobs are a major focus of the [President's Economic Security Agenda](#)

As part of the President's team, Secretary Elaine L. Chao continues to champion the American worker through the Department of Labor. The Secretary has focused on a number of initiatives that include job training, support of the job placement services through the 1-877-USA-JOBS, partnerships for job placement, as well as her outreach efforts to unions that represent workers in occupations that are non-traditional for women.



The Secretary is encouraged by unions that are actively recruiting and engaging women, and as a result, more and more women have opportunities in fields that were not often considered by women in the past. In her address to the Teamsters Women's Conference in the spring, Secretary Chao said, "What better way to celebrate Women's History Month than with a group of women who challenge, every day, the typical

stereotype of what women can and can't do - like operate a fork lift."

"Today's women are moving into positions of influence and leadership faster than ever. It's happening on factory floors and on Wall Street - even in government," says Secretary Chao.

Of course, it's also happening at the Department of Labor, where women occupy 50% of the top political slots.

In the Bush Administration, real progress is being made.

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