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## Women's chamber pressing harder for more contracts

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The U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce is turning up the heat on government officials to ink more contracts with women-owned businesses.

Going beyond the federal government's goal of allocating 5 percent of contracts to women-owned firms, the chamber is pushing a 10 percent goal.

It is organizing a number of meetings, lobbying efforts and letter-writing campaigns to put pressure on Congress, President Bush and the Small Business Administration to address the issue.

Women-owned firms currently receive less than 3 percent of federal contracts, according to the chamber.

For more information, visit the chamber at [www.sblink.us/html/uswcc.aspx](http://www.sblink.us/html/uswcc.aspx).

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