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CANADIAN BUSINESS AND WOMEN

JOANNE STEFANYK (CBC-NW Anchor): More than one and a half million Canadians work for businesses that are run by women. Most of those companies are small, but they represent the fastest-growing sector in the business world. Because they're small, not many women get involved in high-profile government trade missions, so a female only delegation is in Washington this week to try to boost trade with the United States.

And we're joined now from Washington by two of these women who are part of the trade mission - Arlene Flock, Ms. Flock is from Flagworks(?), a Calgary-based company; and Betty Lee, who is owner of Betty Lee Food Services in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Nice to see both of you today. I want to begin with you first of all, Ms. Flock. You are a clothing manufacturer. What problems do you have now trying to do business across the border?

ARLENE FLOCK (Calgary businesswoman): Well, actually it's... we're taking it more as an opportunity, I guess. And it's pretty exciting because this