

MONICA WALKER TO BE FEATURED AS A 2011 BUSINESS LEADER OF COLOR BY CHICAGO UNITED

CHICAGO, IL (October 2011) – Chicago United recently announced that Monica Walker, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Holland Capital Management will join 44 other local business executives to be featured in its newest *Business Leaders of Color* (BLC) publication. The business advocacy group created this publication to highlight exceptional corporate and civic leaders who currently serve, or are ready to contribute, as board directors for Fortune 1,000 companies.

The Chicago United Business Leaders of Color typically demonstrate integrity, unwavering commitment to delighting customers, drive to improve their organizations, genuine concern for their communities, and a global perspective and experience. A chief executive or the chairman of a board nominating committee will be inspired by the successful outcomes delivered by these men and women who embrace well-considered risks as opportunities. In an ever-changing global economy, companies must be open to new approaches to solving problems and expanding markets. These Business Leaders of Color exhibit the innovation required to do that, and they lead their teams to do so as well.

These individuals were selected from a nominations pool of more than 150 exceptionally qualified nominees from a wide variety of product and service industries.

“The 2011 Business Leaders of Color represent the kind of talent that companies seek and they, in turn, actively recruit and groom other accomplished executives as an integral part of their professional mission,” said Gloria Castillo, president of Chicago United. “Reoccurring values described by these individuals include developing people and relationships as top priorities. The publication provides a talent showcase of individuals eminently qualified to serve our nation’s corporations. Through their identification, Chicago United aims to accelerate the rate of change of diverse representation in corporate governance.”

Chicago United has presented the *Business Leaders of Color* publication biennially since 2003. Past BLC members include First Lady Michelle Obama, Valerie B. Jarrett, senior advisor to President Barack Obama, Christina M. Tchen, director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, Don Thompson, president and chief operating officer of McDonald’s Corp., Luis Sierra, refinery chief financial officer of BP, and more than 200 others.

About Monica Walker

Ms. Walker is a founding partner of Holland Capital Management. As Chief Executive Officer, she oversees the overall business and financial operations of the firm. With over 30 years of financial services experience, including 23 years of investment management experience, Ms. Walker also serves as Chief Investment Officer – Equity, responsible for implementation of the firm’s large cap growth and mid cap growth equity strategies with a team of equity research analysts. She has worked as a member of the firm’s equity team and Investment Policy Committee since the firm’s inception over 20 years ago.

Ms. Walker began her career at Texas Utilities (now Energy Future Holdings) in 1981 while serving in various supervisory capacities and working in the company's corporate finance group. When she left the company in 1991 to join Holland Capital, she was manager of Trust Fund's Administration, responsible for Texas Utilities' \$1.5 billion in pension fund and defined contribution plan assets. She also helped in the development and implementation of Texas Utilities' Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund.

Ms. Walker received a B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1980 and is a CPA licensed in Texas and Illinois. She serves as a board member of the Chicago Children's Choir and a board member of Chicago United. Ms. Walker is a member of the CEO Council of Chicago United and the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans' Investment Management Committee. She is a member of the CFA Society of Chicago, the Illinois CPA Society, the Texas Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP), the Executive's Club of Chicago, Women Investment Professionals (WIP), Alliance of Business Leaders & Entrepreneurs (ABLE) and the Economic Club of Chicago. In 2011, Ms. Walker was recognized as one of Chicago United's Business Leaders of Color. In October 2011, she was named as one of Black Enterprise's "75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street" and in February 2010, as one of Black Enterprise's "75 Most Powerful Women in Business." Ms. Walker was honored by the Chicago chapter of NASP in July 2008 as one of five "Chicago Women Blazing the Path to Power."

About Holland Capital Management LLC

Holland Capital Management LLC is a U.S. institutional investment management firm established in 1991 as an SEC-registered investment advisor. The firm is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and is a minority business enterprise (MBE). Holland Capital manages assets across corporate, public, union and non-profit organizations. For more information, visit www.hollandcap.com.

About Chicago United

Chicago United is an advocacy organization that promotes multiracial leadership in business to advance parity in economic opportunity. Chicago United supports the business community's need to maximize the use of corporate and entrepreneurial talent and brings together diverse senior business leaders to break through barriers to realize the benefits of diversity and inclusion. Chicago United is the premiere business membership organization creating an environment where racially diverse CEOs and executive level managers can share common experiences to promote multi-racial leadership in governance, management, and business partnerships. It delivers best practices for diversity practitioners and fosters relationships among leaders who share common values.