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Breault introduces software upgrade

Breault Research Organization, the Tucson-based developer of optical systems analysis software and engineering services, announced version 7.5 of its ASAP optical modeling software. The newest version of ASAP is even more efficient and user friendly. The upgraded features are designed to provide current and potential ASAP software customers with advanced capabilities, speed, and usability. ASAP was used exclusively in-house at Breault for consulting until 1986, when demand for Breault's "secret weapon" won out. Breault now has ASAP users in 35 countries, and at over 50 universities. For more information, visit www.breault.com.

Gov. launches Web site for women business owners

Earlier this month, U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao and Small Business Administrator Hector Berret unveiled www.women-21.gov, a new Web site that recognizes the increasing role of women small business owners in the American economy as a major source of job creation. The site is designed to help businesswomen effectively and efficiently access federal government resources and builds on the President's initiative to foster the growth of women-owned businesses. According to the Census Bureau's latest Survey of Minority Owned Business Enterprises, women owned 26 percent of the nation's 20.8 million non-farm businesses, which translates into 5.4 million firms employing 7.1 million workers and generating \$818.7 billion in sales and receipts.

Local design society formed

The Interior Design Society, Design Affiliate of National Home Furnishings Association, formed a new chapter in Tucson. IDS was founded in 1973 to meet the needs of residential interior designers and design-oriented retail stores. The group will hold monthly meetings. Contact Virginia Toomey, president of the Tucson chapter, at 825-6923 for more information about this new local group. For information about the national organization, call (800) 888 9590.

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