

Mission and Approach

Family Enterprise USA (FEUSA) is dedicated to educating the public and legislators about the implications of public policy upon closely held and family-owned businesses. FEUSA conducts non-partisan research that highlights the contributions of family enterprise to the American economy and the challenges these businesses face, which is then used to educate legislators, policy makers and the public on the important role of family businesses in the economy and local communities.

How FEUSA is Different

Family Enterprise USA advocates for American family business. We help you communicate your challenges and your contributions to American economic freedom to Legislators. We represent *all* American family business; not just specific industries and provide research to enhance the opportunity for success. We help you continue to establish your unique business legacy.



Impact

FEUSA has established itself as a trusted resource and is respected for its research work, surveys, focus groups and data gathering from family businesses all over the United States.

In promoting the growth and spirit of family businesses in America, FEUSA conducts an Annual Survey of family business across the country to determine what aspects of their businesses create the greatest challenge to adding jobs and growing their businesses. This information is shared with other business owners, educators, and legislators to allow them to understand the unique challenges faced by "family" businesses.







Focus^{*}

• In the US, family firms generate 64% of GDP & accounts for 65% of domestic employment

• 78% of new job creation stems from family owned firms

• 35% of Fortune 500 companies are familyowned or controlled

• Family firms have higher employee retention rates than non-family firms

• 60% of family firms have women in top management positions

*Astrachan and Shanker; 2003; "Family Business Contribution to US Economy"

Family Businesses Want:

1) less regulation;

2) a fairer tax rate system for family owned businesses; and

3) elimination of the estate tax which robs the family of their livelihood.

Family Enterprise USA is uniquely positioned to provide the non-partisan intelligence, data, and research that opinion leaders will need to elevate the debate around tax policies that influence family businesses. Family Enterprise USA's research and work will be instrumental in advancing the current work to make permanent, positive change for a fairer more balanced environment for family business to thrive, and create more jobs.

FEUSA is the Voice of Family Businesses in Washington

FEUSA is respected and relied upon to be the voice for family businesses in Washington DC. FEUSA members meet with legislators in Washington D.C., to present information on the organization's latest work and current research. FEUSA members educate legislators on the current economic environment that businesses face around the country.



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FEUSA is supported by family businesses with the single purpose of promoting family business in America, so they can continue to grow, thrive and add jobs.

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