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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Women’s Council of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) Florida First Coast Chapter announced its partnership with Blueprint for Prosperity, an initiative to raise the median income in Jacksonville through business and organization partnerships.

Women’s Council President-Elect Michelle Tappouni of Breaking Ground Contracting has spearheaded the partnership with Blueprint. “The Women’s Council was founded to support women in the construction industry. Raising the median income [for women] is a critical aspect of our mission,” says Tappouni. “We will specifically be involved in the Education Strategic Alliance portion of the blueprint plan which includes Mentoring and Career Academics,” she added. Blueprint for Prosperity’s 46-page blueprint reveals that there are 43,000 children who need mentors and that currently there are only 2,000 children in the community being mentored.

ABC Women’s Council, a council within the ABC area chapter, supports, promotes, encourages and provides a voice for women in the construction industry through education, professional development, legislative involvement and philanthropic endeavors. ABC represents 23,000 merit-shop construction and construction-related firms in 79 chapters nationally. The Florida First Coast Chapter, chartered in 1993, consists of more than 200 member companies representing thousands of Northeast Florida commercial construction industry professionals.

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