



**METLIFE HONORED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP CORPORATIONS FOR
WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES BY THE
WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE NATIONAL COUNCIL (WBENC)**

February 1, 2019 - In concert with the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), MetLife is proud to be included on the 19th annual list of America's Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs), the only national award honoring corporations for world-class supplier diversity programs that reduce barriers and drive growth for women-owned businesses.

"We are proud to honor WBENC's Top Corporations for WBEs, including MetLife, for choosing to break down barriers, enable growth and increase opportunities for women-owned businesses," said Pamela Prince-Eason, President and CEO of WBENC, the nation's leader in women's business development. "WBENC-Certified WBEs in turn fuel innovation and empower communities through economic growth and job creation."

As the only national award honoring corporations who choose to integrate policies and programs to enable growth and reduce barriers for women-owned businesses, MetLife is committed to increasing opportunity in markets—both domestically, and internationally; fueling innovation; and, empowering communities through economic growth and job creation.

"BKW Transformation Group has had the great opportunity to engage with MetLife with its programming, in addition to being a supplier. Both scenarios provide opportunity to expand our industry knowledge in technology and process," said Beverly White, CEO/President of BKW Transformation Group. "MetLife's annual Supplier Forum affords us the opportunity to 'perfect our pitch' as we move forward in the potential launch of a 'supply chain management' solution. Through this process we are able to expand our relationships to many stakeholders, expanding the potential to engage with operations teams to communicate our services...an integral part of the business development process."

Pauline Gebon, Global Head of Supplier Inclusion and Development, is honored to receive the WBENC's Americas Top Corporation recognition for the fourth year.

"The inclusion of women-owned businesses in our procurement activities is critical to our success, which is why we value our partnership with WBENC; to find qualified, authentic suppliers who are 51% or more owned, operated and financially controlled by one or more women," said Gebon. "We remain committed to the inclusion of women owned suppliers in our procurement processes and in providing opportunities for development and improvement."

MetLife will be honored at the annual *WBENC Summit & Salute to Women's Business Enterprises* taking place March 11-13, 2019 in Houston, TX, where more than 1,800 business leaders are expected.

About WBENC

WBENC is the largest third-party certifier of businesses owned, controlled, and operated by women in the United States. WBENC partners with 14 Regional Partner Organizations (RPOs) to provide its world-class standard of certification to women-owned businesses throughout the country. WBENC is also the nation's leading advocate of women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Throughout the year, WBENC provides business development opportunities for member corporations, government agencies and more than 15,000 certified women-owned businesses at events and other forums. Learn more at www.wbenc.org. Learn more about the annual America's Top Corporations for Women Business Enterprises on their [Intranet site](#).