



## 2019 LACE AWARDS NOMINATIONS AND SELF-NOMINATIONS FORM

Please use this form to nominate or to self-nominate a WBENC certified women business enterprise (WBE) through GWBC Regional Partner Organization (RPO) or GWBC corporate member for one or more categories for the GWBC® 2019 Ladies Achieving Continuous Excellence (LACE) Awards. The GWBC Awards Committee will notify all nominees concerning requirements to submit completed application packages.

### IMPORTANT:

**2018 LACE Awards Winners DO NOT qualify in their Winning Category for 2019 Nominations or Applications.**

This nomination form must be received Monday, **September 9, 2019 by 5:00 PM EST**. Please return the completed nomination form(s) to GWBC via email: [awards@gwbc.biz](mailto:awards@gwbc.biz)

Please see nomination instructions below and descriptions of each award category. If you wish to nominate for more than one award, please complete additional copies of the nomination form.

### Nomination Instructions:

- Any GWBC corporate member or GWBC certified/reciprocal WBE may submit up to five (5) nominations for each award category
- All nominations are strictly confidential
- **Self-nominations are encouraged and accepted**
- Nominators and nominees are prohibited from contacting or discussing their nominations with any member of the judging panel unless they are contacted directly by the judging panelist
- All nominees must be in good standing with their GWBC corporate membership or WBENC certification
- **All nominations must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, September 9, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

*\*Note: GWBC staff will verify all corporate memberships/certification status/revenues of nominees*

**Award Winners will be announced at the LACE Awards dinner on Friday, November 8, 2019, at the St. Regis Hotel, Atlanta, GA.**

As a nominator, you must provide the following information for yourself on the form below:

- Your name
- Company
- Position
- Email address
- Phone number

**For each nomination, you must provide the following information for the nominee on the form below:**

- Nominee's name
- Company
- Company Address
- Position
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Nominating Category



## 2019 LACE AWARD CATEGORIES

### LACE AWARD CATEGORIES - GWBC CORPORATE MEMBER

#### **Advocate of the Year Corporate**

This award will be presented to a Supplier Diversity Practitioner, Procurement Professional or Buyer who is a current employee of a corporate member of GWBC. The Award Winner will be selected for extraordinary efforts in inspiring, engaging and empowering GWBC Certified WBEs. This individual will be recognized and honored for their proven methods in mentoring, coaching and supporting women-owned businesses.

#### **Buyer of the Year Corporate**

This award will be presented to a Buyer, Procurement Professional or a Supplier Diversity Practitioner who has procurement experience and is a current employee of a Corporate Member of GWBC. The Award Winner will be selected for instituting programs that offer equal access for GWBC Certified WBEs and attained world-class quality in its supplier diversity process.

#### **Corporation of the Year**

This award will be presented to a current GWBC Corporation that has created significant advancement in breaking down barriers that impede WBEs from gaining fair access to procurement opportunities. The Award Winner will be honored for various initiatives and processes it has launched to increase its relationship and spending with WBE suppliers, including supplier development activities, financial assistance, and strategic alliance counseling.

#### **The Voice Award**

This award is selected by a WBE Judging Panel and presented to a GWBC corporation who has exhibited the most significant progress in creating a voice and platform for GWBC Certified WBEs to gain fair access to procurement opportunities. The Award Winner will be selected and honored by GWBC WBEs for the various initiatives it has launched to increase its relationship and spending with WBE suppliers. This includes supplier development activities, financial assistance, and strategic alliance counseling.

### LACE AWARD CATEGORIES - GWBC CERTIFIED WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE)

#### **Advocate of the Year – WBE**

This award will be presented to either a GWBC Certified WBE business owner (CEO/President) or an employee of a GWBC Certified WBE. The Award Winner will be recognized and honored for their proven methods in mentoring, coaching and supporting women-owned businesses.

#### **Trailblazer Award**

This award will be presented to GWBC Certified WBE owners (CEO/President) by annual revenue category. The nominee should exemplify leadership, creativity and innovation. The Award Winner in each category will be selected based upon being a pillar in their community, contributing their time and talent with a proven track record of mentoring, partnerships, volunteerism and WBE to WBE spend.

- Trailblazer Award: Category I - Annual sales under \$1 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category II - Annual sales \$1 Million - \$5 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category III - Annual sales \$5 Million - \$10 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category IV - Annual sales \$10 Million - \$20 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category V - Annual sales \$20 Million - \$50 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category VI - Annual sales \$50 Million - \$100 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category VII - Annual sales more than \$100 Million

*\* GWBC staff will verify all revenues sale of nominees from 2017*

#### **Volunteer of the Year**

This award will be presented to a GWBC Certified WBE or a retired corporate employee who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service to GWBC. Event volunteers, committee chairs and members are eligible. Nominee must be a current certified WBE or an employee of a certified WBE in good standing to qualify for this award.



**2019 LACE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

**All Nominations are due by 5:00PM on Monday, September 9, 2019**

**AWARD NOMINATION CATEGORY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(e.g. Advocate of the Year, Buyer of the Year)*

**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION! **Please return completed nomination form to GWBC via email to [awards@gwbc.biz](mailto:awards@gwbc.biz) by Monday, September 9, 2019 by 5:00 PM**