



2011 LACE (Ladies Achieving Continuous Excellence) Awards Nomination Form

Please nominate a WBENC certified women business or corporate member for one (or more) category for the GWBC® 2011 LACE Awards. The GWBC Awards Committee will notify all nominees concerning requirements to submit an information package. **This nomination form must be received by September 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM.**

Please return completed nomination form to GWBC via email: info@gwbc.biz

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

Nomination Instructions

Any GWBC corporate member or certified WBE may submit up to 5 nominations for each category. All nominations are strictly confidential. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominators are prohibited from contacting or discussing their nominations with any member of the judging panel unless they are contacted directly by the judging panel. **All nominations must be received by GWBC by September 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM. No exceptions!**

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

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

For each nomination, you must provide the following information for the nominee:

- Nominee's name
- Company
- Company Address
- Position
- Email address
- Phone number
- Nominating category

Award Categories: Corporation or Corporate Employee*

Advocate of the Year

This award will be presented to an employee of a corporate sponsor or member of GWBC. The winner will be selected for their extraordinary efforts to assist and support WBE business owners. This individual will be recognized and honored for their desire to mentor, coach and support women-owned businesses by affording personal assistance and tutelage.

Buyer of the Year

This award will be presented to an individual who is an employee of a Georgia, North Carolina or South Carolina based company or facility. This nominee must be a member of GWBC who has instituted programs to offer equal access for women-owned suppliers and attained world-class quality in its supplier diversity programs featuring WBEs. The winner will be honored for substantially increasing its annual spending with WBEs.



Corporation of the Year

This award will be presented to a major corporation and GWBC member that has a Georgia, North Carolina or South Carolina based company or facility that has shown the most significant advancement in breaking down barriers that impede WBEs from gaining fair access to procurement opportunities. This winner will be honored for the various initiatives 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 will be presented to a corporate member of GWBC. The winner will be recognized for his or her efforts to strengthen the role of women business owners and the woman-owned business community as a whole. Moreover, this honoree will demonstrate effectiveness in improving the environment for the creation and expansion of businesses owned and operated by women.

**Must be in good standing with GWBC and WBENC certification*

Award Categories: Women Business Enterprise*

Advocate of the Year – WBE

This award will be presented to either a WBE (Women's Business Enterprise) business owner or an employee of a certified WBE of GWBC. The winner will be selected for their extraordinary efforts to assist and support WBE business owners. This individual will be recognized and honored for their desire to mentor, coach and support women-owned businesses by affording personal assistance and tutelage. *Note: A nominee from each state (GA/NC/SC) will be selected for this award.*

Trailblazer Award

This award will be presented to GWBC certified women business owners according to their annual revenue. Each business owner honored should exemplify the opportunities available through the efforts of entrepreneurial women and their participation in the free enterprise system by taking risk and being innovative. Moreover, winners are to exhibit their community leadership as well as their business leadership. *Note: A nominee from each state (GA/NC/SC) will be selected for this award.*

- Trailblazer Award: Category I - Annual sales under \$500K
- Trailblazer Award: Category II - Annual sales \$500K - \$1 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category III - Annual sales \$1 Million - \$10 Million
- Trailblazer Award: Category IV - Annual sales more than \$10 Million

Volunteer of the Year

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

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Award Nomination Form

AWARD NOMINATION: _____ (i.e. Advocate of the Year)

Nominee: _____

Company: _____

Company address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Position: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Nominator: _____

Company: _____

Company address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Position: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION!

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