

Honoring WBEs Who Rock

Earlier this year, we set out on a mission to find and recognize WBEs Who Rock, those women business owners who exemplify passion and courage in the pursuit of their business' success. And, when we asked you to nominate women who met those criteria, your response was overwhelming.

We received 50 nominations and out of those we chose 25 finalists. After reviewing the nominations of so many extraordinary women and much discussion and debate, 15 were selected.

These rocking women were honored at a special ceremony during our 30th Anniversary Launch Reception on Monday, June 23 at the Loews Hotel Philadelphia during the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) National Conference and Business Fair.

Now it's time to present them to the rest of our audience.



Donna Stevenson
President and CEO
Early Morning Software
WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Stevenson not is only a talker but a walker. She hires directly from the college level and community for her business. She inspires others to believe that they can achieve their life dreams. Stevenson works tirelessly to give back

to her community by serving on the national historically underutilized business committee which promotes the use of disadvantaged business enterprises in transportation. She is always open to meeting new entrepreneurs and providing guidance on her life journey of business ownerships.



Dr. Karen Eng
President and CEO
CSMI Systems
WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Dr. Eng has been active as a community leader in Chicago in addition to the engineering industry. Her involvement includes board positions supporting women, people of color, and promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) studies. She is active in the Asian American Pacific Islander community, serving in leadership positions for various organizations such as the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC), and the Chinese American Service League (CASL).

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Kate Dodge
President
NEI Global Relocation Company
WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Largely due to the value system championed by Dodge and her prior experience as a school psychologist, NEI has proven to be very successful in mentoring individuals to develop their skills

and grow both personally and professionally. The culture at NEI stems from Dodge's belief that when you hire the right people and give them the tools and training they need to make a difference—they will.



Keshia Walker
Owner, Insights Marketing
WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Walker is a true professional and a hard working woman. She takes the time to mentor other WBEs and MBEs so that they will achieve the same success that she has.

Walker goes beyond supporting several non-profit organizations and diversity programs. She also has adopted several children through her local fostering program.



Lisa Michele Chretien
President and CEO, EventMover
WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Chretien is an amazing woman. She has the courage and determination to take on anything!

Chretien's strategic vision, business acumen and sheer talent combine to meet her clients' complex needs and earned her recognition by WBENC as a 2013 Women's Business Enterprise Star.



Livia Whisenhunt
President
PS Energy Group Inc.
WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Whisenhunt's hard work and determination have earned her tremendous respect and recognition. She has won numerous awards, including being named one of the nation's "Top 40 Under 40"

by *Entrepreneur* magazine, the “Small Business Person of the Year” by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and “Southeast Wholesale Entrepreneur of the Year” by Ernst & Young.



Olsa Martini
President and CEO
OLSA Resources, Inc.

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

When Martini left her native country, Albania in 1994 and moved to America, she knew only three English phrases, “yes”, “no” and “I don’t know.” Her language skills did not stop her from accomplishing what she wanted to do,

which was to create a successful future for herself. In the beginning, she did not know what or how she was going to do this, she was simply determined to make it happen. Today, Martini is the President/CEO of a nationally recognized staffing and engineering company.



Pamela Chambers O'Rourke
President and CEO
ICON Information Consultants, LP

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

O'Rourke is committed to supporting, educating and promoting other small and woman-owned businesses to achieve their own success. She is a true role model in assisting other women business owners in a direction of growth

and success. Specifically, she chooses to do business with other WBE companies to show support and to help them further their business growth. Today, O'Rourke's business does 90 percent of its purchases with WBEs located regionally and nationally.



Ranjana Mohana
President
R Mo LLC

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Mohana is a reliable, proven professional with the ability to work and create trust with her diversified experience in marketing, operations, business development, and HR. She has excellent

leadership qualities, significant project management skills, conscientious communication and administration skills. She is passionate about helping small and disadvantaged businesses and frequently jumpstarts initiatives, pursues opportunities and sets the pace for the organization.



Sharon Reynolds
President and CEO
DevMar Products, LLC

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Under Reynolds' leadership, DevMar stands out as a customer service-oriented company that seeks to address the ever-growing needs of its customers. She has strategically aligned her company with other women-owned organizations and formed

partnerships that not only work to increase visibility but to elevate their status in the business world. Reynolds provides leadership throughout her community by serving as a mentor via her affiliation with local non-profits dedicated to the advancement of families.



Terena Bella
CEO, In Every Language

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

In Every Language is the only translation company in North America with a seat on the international trade board. A peer voted position, this means that even their competitors know they are one of the world's best at what they do. This company is innovative, cutting

edge and exploring the application of new technologies to revolutionize translation analytics.



Sylvana Coche
Founder and CEO
Gravity Pro Consulting, LLC

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Gravity Pro holds the distinction of being North America's only SAP reseller certified by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and authorized to provide SAP Business Objects™ solutions.



Kathy David
IT Tech Pros, President and CEO

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

IT Tech Pros multiple awards and ever-evolving success story has led to some media outlets branding David as the 'It' Girl of I.T.®



Sheila Marmon
Mirror Digital, Inc., Founder and CEO

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Marmon's passion is the development, launch and operation of new businesses in the media and technology industries. Over the last 15 years, she served on start-up teams for several new divisions of Time Inc.



Pamela Isom
ICE Safety Solutions
Founder/President and CEO

WHY THIS IS A WBE WHO ROCKS

Isom launched ICE Safety Solutions to create custom CPR scenarios for corporations—revolutionizing how training was being offered in the industry. The company now provides CPR,

First Aid, Disaster Preparedness, OSHA-related services, and First Aid Kits and Disaster Preparedness supplies through scenario-based training and delivery technology. ♦