



American Water Honored as One of America's Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council

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CAMDEN, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 6, 2020-- [American Water](#) (NYSE: AWK), the largest publicly-traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, announced today that it has been recognized by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), on the 20th 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.

"American Water is proud to be recognized by the WBENC for our commitment and engagement with women owned businesses," said Lawrence Wooten, senior manager, national supplier diversity. "Inclusion and diversity are an integral part of who we are as a company. We encourage, honor and celebrate diversity in our workforce and among our suppliers."

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

"We are proud to honor WBENC's Top Corporations for WBEs, including American Water, 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."

American Water will be honored in front of an audience of more than 1,800 business leaders at the WBENC Summit & Salute taking place March 16-18, 2020 in Nashville, TN.

To learn more about American Water's National Supplier Diversity program, please visit: <https://amwater.com/corp/partners-suppliers/supplier-diversity>.

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 close to 16,000 certified women-owned businesses at events and other forums. Learn more at www.wbenc.org

About American Water

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 7,100 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to more than 14 million people in 46 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to make sure we keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and follow American Water on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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