



## Definition of Women Business Owner

A woman-owned business is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, which is owned, operated and controlled by non-ethnic women members.\*

Ownership by women members means:

- Fifty-one percent ownership by a woman or women.
- Proof of effective management of the business (operating position, by-laws, hire-fire and other decision-making role.)
- Control of the business as evidenced by signature role on loans, leases and contracts
- US Citizenship or US Resident Alien Status

### *\*Non-Ethnic-Woman Definition*

A U.S. citizen who is a Caucasian female.

Our supplier diversity initiative targets **certified** women owned businesses. If you are not currently certified, please contact the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) at 202-872-5515 or visit their website at [www.wbenc.org](http://www.wbenc.org). You can also obtain certification through your local government economic development office.

