



Carla Walker-Miller

President and CEO, Walker-Miller Energy Services

As founder, president and CEO of Walker-Miller Energy Services, LLC (WMES), Carla Walker-Miller is a savvy entrepreneur and a visionary leader determined to change lives through energy. Established in 2000, the Detroit-based firm develops and implements energy efficiency solutions for utility, residential and commercial building owners.

Ms. Walker-Miller is a proud Detroit booster, and champions issues related to water affordability and the intentional recruitment, training and employment of black Detroit residents. Her firm has grown to more than 60 team members, and is on track to gross more than \$25 million in 2017 revenues. An engineer by degree, Carla Walker-Miller led her business to double-digit growth after the recession, earning both local and national recognition as an innovative company. Over the past few years, WMES received several accolades, most recently awarded by DBusiness magazine as a 2017 Champion of the New Economy and selected as a finalist for the 2017 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for Michigan and Northwest Ohio. Other recognitions include an honor by The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) as a trailblazer with the 2016 Alice Parker Award and by the Women President's Organization (WPO) as one of the 50 Fastest Growing Women-owned business in America for 2016. Also recognized by Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council (MiEIBC) as 2016 Employer of the Year and by the Michigan Small Business Administration (SBA) as the 2015 Woman-Owned Business of the Year. In addition, WMES has been featured in national publications such as FORTUNE, EBONY, JET, Black Enterprise and Crain's Detroit magazines.

As a sought after speaker on issues relating to energy efficiency and sustainability, she is determined to bring underserved populations into the important energy dialogue. Her goal is to help communities make informed decisions regarding their own energy destinies. In keeping with this objective, WMES was awarded a 2-year contract in 2015 to implement residential energy efficiency programs in DTE Energy's Michigan service territory.

As part of her strong commitment to the Detroit community, she started a nonprofit organization in 2003 called The Water Access Volunteer Effort (WAVE) Fund. WAVE provides water bill assistance to low-income Detroit citizens and has distributed over \$2 million to help over 9,500 families. Carla currently serves as the organization's Founder and Executive Director.

In 2014, Carla was elected President for the Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE). She also serves on the Board of Directors for various organizations including the Detroit Regional Chamber, TechTown Detroit, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, and the Wayne State University Physicians Board. Carla is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., InForum Michigan, the Michigan Minority Supplier Diversity Council (MMSDC), the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), the Women's Informal Network (WIN), and the NAACP. She is a former member of the Board of Water Commissioners for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and a 2014 graduate of Detroit's Inaugural Cohort for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program. She and her family reside and work in the City of Detroit.