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## BLACK ENTERPRISE ANNOUNCED THE 40 BEST COMPANIES FOR DIVERSITY

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In 2005, BLACK ENTERPRISE began publishing its list of the "Best Companies for Diversity," identifying those corporations that proved to be the best of the best in executing policies and developing a culture that promoted inclusion for African Americans within their workforce, senior management ranks, corporate boards, and supplier pools. Highlights of this year's list include four companies with black CEOs, 59 black female senior managers, and 72 black board members across companies.

In compiling this year's list, the BLACK ENTERPRISE research team sent surveys to more than 1,000 of the largest publicly traded companies and global companies with significant U.S. operations.

The full list of the 2015 BLACK ENTERPRISE 40 Best Companies for Diversity is as follows:

#### Arkansas

- Walmart Stores Inc., Bentonville

#### North Carolina

- Bank of America Corp., Charlotte
- Duke Energy Corp., Charlotte

#### California

- Pacific Gas and Electric Co., San Francisco
- Toyota Motor North America, Inc., Torrance
- Wells Fargo & Co, San Francisco

#### New Jersey

- Merck & Co Inc., Kenilworth
- Prudential Financial Inc., Newark

#### Connecticut

- Xerox Corp., Norwalk

#### Nevada

- MGM Resorts International, Las Vegas

#### District of Columbia

- Fannie Mae, Washington

#### Georgia

- Aflac Inc., Columbus
- The Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta
- Southern Co., Atlanta

#### New York

- IBM Corp., Armonk
- American Express Co., New York
- Consolidated Edison Inc., New York
- JPMorgan Chase & Co, New York
- TIAA-CREF, New York

- Verizon Communications Inc., New York
- PepsiCo Inc., Purchase

Illinois

- Allstate Insurance Co., Northbrook
- Exelon Corp., Chicago
- McDonald's Corp., Oak Brook
- Northern Trust Corp., Chicago
- State Farm Insurance Co., Bloomington

Ohio

- Macy's Inc., Cincinnati
- Nationwide Insurance Co., Columbus

Louisiana

- Entergy Corp., New Orleans

Pennsylvania

- Aramark, Philadelphia
- Comcast Corp., Philadelphia

Tennessee

- FedEx Corp., Memphis

Minnesota

- General Mills Inc., Minneapolis

Texas

- AT&T Inc., Dallas
- Comerica Inc., Dallas

Maryland

- Marriott International, Inc., Bethesda

Virginia

- Freddie Mac, McLean

Michigan

- Ford Motor Co., Dearborn
- General Motors Co., Detroit

Wisconsin

- Johnson Controls Inc., Milwaukee

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