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Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE): V. Vanessa Williams, Founder &

CEO

Madison, CT , January 9, 2017 (Newswire.com) - V. Vanessa Williams, MS, PCC, Founder and CEO of [Leading Edge Consulting, LLC](#), an executive coaching firm with offices in Connecticut and Florida, has received two important national certifications: Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), and Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) designations.

"We understand the critical importance of fostering strong vendor resources, including MBE and WBE, that are nationally certified as we are," said Williams. "Diversity certification is an important milestone for Leading Edge Consulting because it authenticates that the business is owned, managed and controlled by a qualifying diverse group. We are thrilled to share the news with our clients, partners and the market as we expand and continue to offer leadership solutions."

Organizations such as the National Minority Supplier Diversity Council (NMSDC) and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) focus on assuring that businesses are appropriately categorized by offering third-party certification services on behalf of private industry. Supplier diversity is beneficial to all stakeholders, not just to companies with Supplier Diversity programs. Corporations, organizations and government agencies demonstrate their commitment to fostering diversity and continued development of their supplier/vendor diversity programs by including women-owned and minority-owned businesses among their vendors.

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Background:

About NMSDC

The National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC), is one of the country's leading corporate membership organizations. NMSDC is committed to helping corporate and public-sector supply chains solve the growing need for supplier diversity. NMSDC is a resource to qualifying firms of all sizes - whether a small minority-owned organization or a billion-dollar powerhouse. The NMSDC network includes a national office in New York City, 23 affiliate regional councils nationwide and over 1,750 corporate members and growing. The Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC) is an affiliate of the NMSDC and represents six New England States, which are Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. For more information about NMSDC, visit www.nmsdc.org.

About WBENC

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council is the nation's largest third-party certifier of businesses owned, controlled and operated by women in the United States. WBENC, partners with fourteen Regional Partner Organizations (RPO's) to provide its world class standard of certification throughout the country. WBENC is a resource for the more than 700 U.S. companies and government agencies that rely on WBENC's certification as an integral part of their supplier diversity programs. The Center for Women & Enterprise represents is one of those RPO's and represents Northern Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. For more information about WBENC, visit www.wbenc.org.

About Leading Edge Consulting, LLC

Leading Edge Consulting, LLC is an Executive Coaching practice offering Executive and CEO Succession Coaching, Culture and Business Change Management Strategy, Organizational Assessment and Development Coaching, Organizational Inclusion and Diversity Consulting, and Talent Acquisition – Analysis, Execution, and On-boarding. Leading Edge Consulting works with a range of clients: executives (c-suites), managers, business owners/entrepreneur's, and organizations as a whole. This matches a growing trend in the Corporate World of leaders and organizations seeking guidance, expertise and real world experience as they focus on greater collaboration, diversity and inclusion, and other strategies to improve leadership effectiveness. Founder, Vanessa Williams is a member of the International Coaching Federation (ICF) and is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC). For more information visit www.leadingedgeconsultingllc.com or contact Vanessa Williams at vanessawilliams@leadingedgeconsultingllc.com.

V. Vanessa Williams Bio:

V Vanessa Williams, MS, PCC is the Founder and CEO of Leading Edge Consulting, LLC, a

global executive coaching firm with offices in CT and FL. Vanessa has an International background and vast experience in Executive Coaching, Women & Diversity Leadership Coaching, Leadership Advancement, Operations Leadership, Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), Strategic Business Planning, Management & Financial Reporting, and Change Management.

Vanessa uses a holistic approach with her clients from identifying success roadblocks and creating metric driven action plans and goal setting. She also works with executives, business owners and c-suites to identify strategic goals and to build and engage high-performing collaborative teams.

In her corporate career, Vanessa was a Managing Director for Horton International, a retained global boutique executive search firm headquartered in West Hartford, CT. She also held senior level and C-suite positions leading high-powered executive global teams for Sun Life Financial, Prudential, MassMutual, Aetna, and UConn Health.

Vanessa holds an Executive Master of Science Degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Virginia State University, and is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the International Coaching Federation.

She sits on the Board of Trustees for Easter Seals, The New England Air Museum, and Amistad Center for Arts & Culture. She also sits on the Advisory Board for Reginald F. Lewis College Business Alumni at Virginia State University.

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