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# Women of Distinction



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**Tara Marling Abraham** is the Founder and Chairwoman of Accel, Inc., one of Ohio's leading woman-owned contract packaging, assembly, and manufacturing companies.

Since founding Accel, Tara has helped shape the company from a small startup into a 517,000-square-foot operation serving Fortune 500 companies. The company has created thousands of jobs in Central Ohio and serves industries including food, beauty, healthcare, retail gifting, consumer packaged goods, and personal care. That growth is a

tangible example of what supplier inclusion is designed to make possible: access that leads to enterprise-level performance, job creation, and economic impact.

Through WBENC and WBEC ORV, Tara has supported other women business owners by sharing practical guidance on how to turn supplier inclusion into sustainable business. She understands that certification can create access, but access alone does not build a company. Tara mentors from the perspective of an operator who has had to win work, meet demanding standards, retain major customers, and prove that a woman-owned supplier can deliver at scale.

Her support is especially meaningful in manufacturing and contract packaging, where women-owned businesses are often underrepresented. As chair of WBENC's Manufacturing Center of Excellence, she has created space for women business owners to learn, connect, and better understand how to compete inside complex corporate supply chains.

As an advocate for supplier inclusion, Tara has served in influential roles with WBENC, WBEC ORV, C200, and the National Women's Business Council. These platforms have allowed her to influence programming, policy, mentorship, and visibility for women entrepreneurs regionally, nationally, and globally.