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Joan Namahana Kerr is PG&E's Director of Supplier Chain Responsibility (Supplier Diversity, Sustainability and Ethics). Under her leadership, in 2013 PG&E doubled its annual spend with diverse business enterprises to over \$2 billion, exceeding 40% of total procurement. These record-breaking results continue to be achieved each year. Joan also led PG&E to become the first utility to include LGBT firms in its supplier diversity program. During her tenure, PG&E has garnered many supplier diversity recognitions, including those given by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Since 2012, PG&E's Supplier Diversity program has received top markings from specialized publications like Black Enterprise Magazine, Hispanic Business, Vetrepreneur Magazine, DiversityBusiness.com and a perfect score in the Corporate Equality Index issued by the Human Rights Campaign. PG&E has been recognized as an industry leader in supply chain sustainability as well, receiving the inaugural Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance Outstanding Achievement Award in 2015. Prior to joining PG&E Joan served as Executive Director of AT&T's Supplier Diversity Program where she led the creation of a best-in-class program. Joan has received multiple prestigious awards for her innovative work in Supplier Diversity, including the first ever NMSDC Trailblazer Award and in 2015 the MBDA Director's Award. In 2013, Joan was inducted into the WBE Hall of Fame for her tireless work advocating on behalf of women business owners. Currently, she is on the board of directors of the National Utilities Diversity Council, the Sustainable Procurement Leadership Council, the Western Region Minority Supplier Development Council, the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce and the Institute for Supply Management's Supplier Diversity Group. She also co-founded WEConnect International and now serves as its Treasurer.