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## Mary Clark Bartlett: A Woman of Influence

LOS ALTOS, California (April 4, 2014) – Epicurean Group founder and CEO Mary Clark Bartlett was named a 2014 Woman of Influence today by the *Silicon Valley Business Journal*. Bartlett was chosen for her business acumen and success, as well as her strong commitment to the environment and to the Silicon Valley community.

The awards spotlight the 100 women in Silicon Valley who are "making the business community better," said James MacGregor, publisher, *Silicon Valley Business Journal.* "The 2014 class is one of the most remarkable group of people I can remember us finding." Associate Editor Linda Taaffe, who spearheaded the project, said, "Mary was able to build and maintain her business during a time when many others in her industry did not find success. And, she is an influential woman who gives back to the community."

Epicurean Group, a women- and minority-owned sustainable food service management company serves more than 40 corporate and educational restaurants and cafés in Northern California and is celebrating a decade of growth. The company focuses on using sustainable and organic food that is locally grown. CEO Bartlett is recognized as an industry "thought leader" who has worked throughout her career to revolutionize food service.

"I'm thrilled to receive this award," said Bartlett, "and to be recognized for the work Epicurean Group has done to support the environment, provide healthy food for our clients and encourage sustainability in our community."

Epicurean Group is a participating member of the global Slow Food organization, and supports its local education and advocacy efforts. In 2010, Bartlett established the GreenTown Co-op, to supply compostable take-out containers to Bay Area restaurants at a 25% discount, as part of a larger statewide plan to achieve zero waste. Epicurean Group was one of the first local food service providers certified as a Bay Area Green Business.

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Epicurean Group is an independent food service management company, providing restaurant and catering services to corporations, educational campuses, and fine arts facilities throughout Northern California. Epicurean Group is committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.

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