

## **MetLife Auto & Home honored for partnership with NAAIA**

MetLife Auto & Home® has been presented the National African-American Insurance Association's 2011 Outstanding Partner Award in recognition of leadership, togetherness, teamwork and high accomplishments.

The award was presented at the association's annual Spring Benefit & Scholarship Luncheon on May 24 in Chicago. Vice President Vhonda Ridley, Human Resources, accepted the honor.

"Our roots with the NAAIA run both deep and wide," said Ridley. She noted that MetLife Auto & Home has had a relationship with the association at the national level since the organization's founding in 1997. She added that Regional Vice President Margaret Redd, Sales Distribution, is president of the NAAIA Chicago chapter, and Vice President Rudy Loney, also of Sales Distribution, is national NAAIA vice chairman. MetLife Auto & Home is also a major sponsor of the NAAIA National Conference each year.

"MetLife is deeply committed to diversity and to the role of good corporate citizens in expanding opportunities for all people, and we are dedicated to moving ever forward," Ridley stated. "Our relationship with NAAIA helps us to find and attract the best talent to our organization. Through NAAIA's 11 chapters and its at-large members across the country, we are able to more fully engage with an important, and growing, network of African-American insurance professionals."

The award presented to MetLife Auto & Home is the "Unity Globe," hand-carved from ebony in Ghana, West Africa. It depicts three human figures with their arms raised to support the globe. According to the inscription, the award "symbolizes unity in the universe, oneness of the family, friendship and community spirit, and an entire village working together to achieve community goals."