



**Erin Allen, President - Contemporaries, Inc.**

For over 25 years Ms. Allen has provided the federal market with her marketing, management and recruiting expertise. She works tirelessly to support and expand the local business community's development and prosperity by actively participating in networking groups and key legislative issues.

Contemporaries, Inc - a government contractor providing professional and scientific support services - is the family business Ms Allen was raised in. Stepping into the role of President of Contemporaries, Inc was a natural transition. While being an entrepreneur came easily to her, the bulk of the heavy lifting - notably establishing the company - had already been done for her. Nonetheless, she had clear goals for how she could contribute to the company's mission and continue to guide it successfully.

It was important to her to expand the scope of the business, but also to contribute to the greater good of the community. She recognized that there was lack of community support to help individuals attain their career goals. As such, facilitating a positive job search experience for individuals who have dim expectations for their employment opportunities has been a personal goal and part of the firms mission from the outset.

As an organization, Contemporaries has made the success and growth of our employees and their families our responsibility. They feel that every accomplishment and accolade their employees earn reflects directly upon the overall growth and success of their company and clients. Her proudest accomplishment is that each year they successfully place over 350 employees in new positions.

Under her leadership, Contemporaries, Inc., a small woman-owned business, has thrived. It has consistently served as the largest provider of staffing services to the National Institutes of Health under their small business program. In 1994 Contemporaries was among the first 7 firms added to the GSA TAPS schedule. For over 20 years, Contemporaries has been one of the most successful staffing suppliers to the Department of Health and Human Services. In the D.C. metro area, her company is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 vendors under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule for Schedule 736 and has been recognized as one of the Top 100 "Small Businesses of the Year" by the state of Maryland. In previous years Contemporaries has been named an Honoree for the SmartCEO Washington Family Business Award.

As a longtime member of the business community, Ms. Allen participates in local business outreach and in addition to serving on multiple boards she provides executive leadership to multiple organizations including serving as Chair of the Board of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. She is also a founding member of the Women's Procurement Circle.

Ms Allen has 2 children and has been happily married for over 25 years.