

WV 8(a) Graduate of the Year (National Winner!)

Diana Marie Lewis Jackson – Action Facilities Management Inc.
Nominated by: James Merrill, Action Facilities Management Inc.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Director, Karen Friel is excited to announce Diane Lewis Jackson, President and CEO of Action Facilities Management (AFM), as the SBA National 2016 8(a) Graduate of the Year. Jackson was nominated for the award by James Merrill, Chief Administrative Office for AFM.

Jackson, a native of Clarksburg, WV, is the Founder, President and CEO of AFM, located in Morgantown, West Virginia. Since founding AFM in 2001 in her basement, Ms. Lewis has successfully grown her company, a government and commercial contracting firm specializing in site management, security services, maintenance and janitorial, equipment operations, consulting, staffing solutions and project management.

Under her leadership and guidance, Action Facilities Management has grown from two individuals to more than 250 employees in nine states. Diane, through her methodologies and innovation with Action Facilities Management has garnered an impressive list of clients, including: DOD, DOE, DOHS, DOA, FAA, FPS, FEMA, CDCP, BOP, CNR, US Library of Congress, DOS, USN, USA, ACOE, US Marshal, VA, GSA, MSHA, Bombardier, WVHTC, and other commercial sites.

Diane holds two degrees from Fairmont State University, which she earned while raising two children as a single parent. She gives much credit to the U.S. Small Business Administration 8(a) Business Development Program, and the Small Business Development Center.

Diane is active in the community and currently serves as: treasurer for the Berean Baptist Church of Morgantown, vice president of the Members of Diversity, Inc., secretary of the Corporate Board of the West Virginia University Hospital Board, board officer of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, and she serves on the visiting committee for the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center

SBA's West Virginia District Office celebrates Jackson's award during an invite only luncheon at the Robert H. Mollohan Research Center in Fairmont, Wednesday, May 4 at 12:00 p.m. The awards luncheon is emceed by WBOY reporter Nick Farrell; attendance includes Senator Capito, Congressman McKinley, and Secretary Burdette. [Click here](#) for a list of the 2016 West Virginia District Small Business Week winners.