

**NAWBO Louisville's 2008 Woman Business Owner of the Year
Evelyn D. Strange**



President

AES Advanced Electrical Systems, Inc.
Louisville, KY

Evelyn Strange is co-founder and president of AES Advanced Electrical Systems, Inc., one of Kentucky's leading industrial and commercial electrical contracting and engineering firms. Ms. Strange runs this multi-million-dollar company with her "go-getting" attitude and attention to detail. Since inception 14 years ago, the company has grown to be one of the area's largest electrical contractors. AES has been awarded contracts on many of the area's highest-profile projects, including UPS Hub 2000, Louisville International Airport, University of Louisville Cardinal Park, Louisville International Convention Teleconference Center, University of Kentucky, Metro Call 911 Center, Brown Forman, the Churchill Downs expansion, WKU Smith Stadium and UPS Worldport.

With over 27 years of executive management experience, her day-to-day activities at AES focus on financial management, market development and leadership toward the achievement of the strategic goals of the company. Her company has been listed numerous years in Business First's "Top Lists" – Top Women-Owned Businesses and Area's Largest Electrical Contractors – and was ranked one of Largest (18) Woman-Owned Businesses in 2005.

Always the entrepreneur, Ms. Strange's past work experience includes being a co-founder and president of an executive management consulting and software-development firm. Ms. Strange has extensive experience in corporate strategic planning, financial and operational management, benchmarking, quality certifications and IT systems. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville.

She has numerous years of membership in industry associations such as the National Electrical Contractors Association, NECA. Several of AES' high-profile, fast-paced projects at UPS Hub 2000 and UPS Worldport have been highlighted in the industry's National Electrical Contractor magazine. Most recently in the December, 2007 issue AES was profiled for the work they provided to UPS Worldport, installing the electrical power and lighting distribution systems for this 653,000-square-foot facility. UPS is the world's largest package delivery company.

Besides her endeavors at AES, Ms Strange also serves on a number of national and local boards and professional affiliations. She currently serves on the National NAWBO Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Her National Board appointments have included: National Advisory Council, Board Liaison for the Economic Development Forum, appointed to the Governance

Committee, and she served as chair of the National Audit committee, 2007-'08. She was also appointed by the national NAWBO president to serve as the interim chair, Governance Committee, to slate national officers, 2007-'08. She serves as secretary of NAWBO-Louisville and has served as corporate partner chair. Ms. Strange was recognized for her leadership as recipient of the NAWBO Louisville President's Award and Bridge Builder Award 2003-2004.

She is active in the Metro Chamber and serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, GLI. She also serves on the Public Policy Committee of GLI. She is past president of Network Now.

Ms. Strange and AES actively support numerous community and civic initiatives including Clothe a Child, American Heart Association, YMCA, Center for Women and Families, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Mary Bryon Foundation, Women4Women, JDRF, Girl Scouts and Metro United Way.