

Valiena A. Allison

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Experi-Metal Inc.



Valiena A. Allison is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Experi-Metal Inc., a full service sheet metal component and assembly manufacturing company located in Sterling Heights, MI.

Hired in 1988 and since taking the helm in 2002, Valiena has expanded the company's presence globally, successfully leveraging its traditional Automotive business capabilities in the Aerospace, Military, Homeland Security and Alternative Energy markets. During this same time, Valiena and her team have significantly grown the annual revenue and increased the size of the company's workforce 6-fold in positions ranging from the skilled trades to specialty engineering to professional management.

Driven by her vision to become a world-class manufacturer and fueled by her passion for excellence, Experi-Metal Inc. (EMI) has become the 'go-to' manufacturing solution for the best and most demanding companies in the entire world.

Under Valiena's leadership, Experi-Metal Inc. has been selected to receive several awards in the recent past, including the ***Best in Wellness Awards*** from Corp! Magazine for each of the years 2012-2015, and the ***Economic Bright Spot Awards*** from Corp! Magazine for each of those years as well, which recognize superior companies that continue to bring jobs and revenue to Michigan while simultaneously promoting wellness and life-balance in their workforce. Operating a "green" manufacturing facility can be quite difficult, and EMI was recognized for successfully meeting this challenge when they received the ***2015 Best & Brightest in Sustainability Award*** from Corp! Magazine. Valiena was featured in the April 2015 edition of the Michigan Manufacturing Association's "***Women in Manufacturing***" publication. She worked with the MEDC and State of Michigan to create videos with Mike Rowe of Dirty Jobs to encourage Michigan youth to consider a career in manufacturing. EMI received the "***Home in Macomb***" Award in 2015. Ms. Allison also received the ***2015 Champion of the New Economy Award*** sponsored by Junior Achievement, DBusiness Magazine and WJR News/Talk Radio 760 and intended to recognize executives who are driving growth in highly competitive industries in the region. Experi-Metal Inc. was awarded the prestigious ***2015 Michigan Manufacturer of the Year Award*** from the Michigan Manufacturing Association. Lastly, EMI received the highly coveted ***2014 Tesla Excellent***

Development Partner Award and Ms. Allison is the recipient of several personal awards, including the ***Entrepreneur of Distinction Award*** issued by Corp! Magazine.

Valiena is a graduate of Oakland University, earning undergraduate degrees in Marketing, Advertising and Spanish, and an MBA in Finance and Accounting. She also completed Advanced Graduate Studies in World Economics, Manufacturing and Shakespeare at Oxford University in England.

Valiena is active in the local community, working with several support organizations including Gleaners Community Food Bank, The American Red Cross and Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan. She serves on the Advisory Board for the Oakland University Economics Department and is an Alumni Member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity. Additionally, she is a charter member of Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence and the Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce. Valiena is a current board member for Leadership Macomb, an organization that develops leaders in Macomb County, MI. She also sits on the Macomb Community College Innovation Fund Selection Committee, which is a “shark tank” for new entrepreneurial businesses in Michigan. She resides in Troy with her husband Dan and their two children.