

# Sonja Hines

President/CEO and Owner of Akata Global

Sonja Hines is President/CEO and Owner of Akata Global. She sets the company's vision and strategic direction and is responsible for the management and oversight of Akata's global operations. Sonja is based at Akata's corporate offices in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Prior to founding H&S Resources Corporation (the predecessor company to Akata Global) in 2006, Sonja was responsible for Safety Hazard Program Development and Safety Hazard Mitigation Support for over 400 employees at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. From 1993 to 1996, she worked at Sandia National Laboratories as a Safety Engineer.

Sonja graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology with a concentration in Occupational Safety & Health from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and a Master of Science degree in Safety & Systems Management from the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California.

## Accolades and professional Memberships

- Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council: 2017 Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise
- SmartCEO Magazine: 2016 Future 50 Award
- Enterprising Women Magazine: 2014 Enterprising Women Award
- Baltimore Sun: 50 Women to Watch
- North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University Board of Visitors
- Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
- Women Presidents' Organization, Baltimore Chapter
- North Carolina Defense Business Association
- International Facility Management Association
- Women In Defense
- National Facilities Management & Technology Association