

PITTSBURGH'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS

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AM-GARD is a leader in contract security providing service to governmental, medical, industrial, commercial, and transportation industries. Owner Jennifer Boczar's grandmother founded the company with her husband in 1970. After earning her degree in Business Management, Boczar became a partner with her father in the family business in 2006, making it a third-generation, woman-owned, family business. Boczar and AM-GARD's corporate management team have more than 175 years of combined experience in the contract security business. The most challenging part of starting this business according to Boczar was the security services market's incredible competition. It's challenging to set your company apart from the competition, but they did just that with the customized services, unparalleled experience and products, along with great management. They have a team that remains on site to ensure customer satisfaction and conduct regular evaluations. AM-GARD is one of the largest Women Owned Businesses in Pittsburgh, and it is also privately owned. They are best for providing quality security guard service at a fair price. They work closely with every customer to develop their security programs for each of their needs. AM-GARD has also been providing security guard service to UPMC Shadyside and US Airways for over 35 years, which is very rare in this competitive industry. The company has set the standard for security, and it's no surprise that its client list continues to grow.



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Catering done fabulously, Amelia spices up business meetings, events, and seminars from simple lunches to business cocktail hours. Putting the elegance back into catering, the team specializes in top-notch business events and weddings with delicious food, unique event design, and has a one-of-a-kind staff. But the owner of Amelia's Elegant Catering, Amelia Roncone, offers much more inspiration to the table, "I started with nothing and with hard work and determination, I've created a life that I love and deserve. Every woman that I encounter I push to become a better and stronger version of her," Roncone said. When beginning her company, she knew she wanted to provide creative job opportunities to women in the energy industry. "I wanted to show other women that with a little creativity and drive you can fill a niche in a male dominated industry and create a life that you are passionate about." With that very goal in mind, she founded her catering business along with the nonprofit, Young Professional Women in Energy, to empower and employ. "We hold industry sponsored events on a monthly basis to create an environment for women to network professionally and motivational events to encourage women to take that next step to better themselves personally and professionally," Roncone said about the nonprofit. From dazzled events to charity functions, Amelia's Elegant Catering is energy, inspiration, convenience, and charm all tied into one package.