

Biography: Patricia B. Hairston

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Patricia B. Hairston today serves as Corning Incorporated's Director of International Procurement and Transportation, responsible for leading key procurement and transportation strategic initiatives globally, including a focus in Greater Asia, Europe, the Middle East and India. She is also responsible for Outsourced Manufacturing, Global Competitive Sourcing and the development and implementation of a new program, Global Trade Management. Global Trade Management is the consolidation of International Transportation, North American Transportation and Global Trade Compliance, which will be centralized and operationalized worldwide for Corning Incorporated. Ms. Hairston joined Corning Incorporated in 1998 in the IT Procurement Department. As manager of that department, she successfully led the development and implementation of the IT Contract Labor Resource Center. For more than 10 years now, Ms. Hairston has held a number of leadership roles within Corning, using her breadth of experience in global strategic sourcing to drive key results for the company's procurement and sourcing initiatives.

Ms. Hairston started her career with Union Carbide Corporation as an engineer. Following this experience, she spent several years with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in a number of international, government and commercial procurement leadership roles. Just prior to joining Corning Incorporated, Ms. Hairston worked for (Caradon) Peachtree Doors and Windows as the commodity manager for wood and decorative glass.

Ms. Hairston holds a Bachelor of Science in Architectural/Civil Engineering from Tennessee State University. She is a Lifetime Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) and was recently appointed Chairman of the Tennessee State University Supply Chain Board. Her community involvement focuses primarily on her role and responsibility as an African-American businesswoman. She serves as the President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Ithaca Graduate Chapter, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Corning Incorporated's Society of Black Professionals. Though a national and international leader, Ms. Hairston feels that her most rewarding leadership role is in encouraging, supporting and mentoring other African-American professionals.