

## Patrice Prusmack

New York State 2007 “Women of Distinction” Award Recipient  
Chief Administrative Officer, DHS Technologies, LLC



Patrice, or Patti as she is called by those close to her, is a born and bred New York City woman. Patti, who was classically trained as an artist, now spends the majority of her days running a global company with over 300 employees, headquartered in Rockland County.

In 1986, Patti and her husband, Jon, developed a new technology for soft-walled (tent) structures. Patti was instrumental in building DHS Systems up from a two-person shop into the \$100 million operation it is now. She developed the product from studio concept to garage prototype to factory production model. While the primary customer has been the U.S. Government, Patti has been instrumental in driving DHS Technologies’ expansion into other emerging markets such as immediate shelter for humanitarian aid, first responders, and Homeland Security.

Patti serves on the Board of Directors of The Rockland Business Association, is a benefactor to Dominican College and lends support to causes in her community including: Nyack Hospital, People-to-People, the American Cancer Society, and Jawonio.

Patti has always lived in New York, but enjoys traveling the world. She has kayaked in Honduras, hiked the Brooks Range in Alaska, and walked every major European city. Patti is happiest in jeans, enjoys drinking good wine, and cooking gourmet meals for friends and family.

As an artist, designer, businesswoman, and community activist, Patti has been committed to supporting New York, her community and those around her. She is one of those rare people who has a steel backbone and wraps it with stone washed denim and grace, allowing her to make hard decisions and remain a friend to all.

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