

# Thu-Anh “GiGi” Nelson



Gigi Nelson is President and owner of Synergy Solutions, Inc., which she founded in 2003. Synergy is an 8(a) certified economically disadvantaged woman-owned small business (EDWOSB), headquartered in Oak Ridge, TN. For the past 9 years, Synergy has provided program and project management; business management; engineering; nuclear safety; safeguards and security (S&S), environmental, safety, health, and quality assurance (ESH&QA); administrative and records management; IT; and community outreach support to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), their contractors, and to other federal entities such as the General Services Administration.

Prior to founding Synergy, Nelson served as Pollution Prevention Coordinator, Safety Officer for the Hazardous Response Team and team member of the Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team at the NASA Ames Research Center, which is a world-class research and development site located near the California Silicon Valley, with over 2,500 employees. Nelson, who is a certified quality examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige-based Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE), also served as Performance Assurance Manager for a DOE contractor, and led the company to achieve the TNCPE Level III Quality Award. Prior to that, she was an environmental scientist, providing pollution prevention, waste minimization and environmental management support to the East Tennessee Technology Park and regulatory compliance support to projects at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Bragg and Fort Campbell sites.

Nelson has an M.A. in Environmental Sustainability and a B.S. in Resource Management. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Energy Technology and Environmental Business Association (ETEBA-TN) and the East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC). In her free time, she also volunteers with the Girl Scouts as a Brownies Troop Leader and Secretary of the Oak Ridge Service Unit.