

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER BLACK BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

“Lighting the Way!”

2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Karen Cooper

**PRESIDENT / CO-FOUNDER
ONEBRIDGE**

Karen is President & Co-Founder of Onebridge, formerly SmartIT Staffing. With almost 20 years of industry experience and a passion for recruiting, Karen launched SmartIT in 2005. She did it to find a way to balance her career and the demands of a single mom caring for a child with special needs.

Karen's extensive experience in the IT staffing industry helped build a model company providing the highest level of service, value, and integrity to customers, employees, and the community. Since 2010, INC. 500 has ranked Onebridge as one of the fastest-growing, privately-owned companies in America. As a leading provider of specialized IT Solutions that include Data Analytics, Application Development, and Workforce Solutions, Onebridge supports Fortune 50 to Fortune 500 Enterprises as well as established mid-sized corporations nationwide.

With almost 500 employees and consultants, Onebridge is one of the largest woman owned and minority owned businesses in Cincinnati and Indianapolis. It has been named one of the “Best Places to Work” for the past six years and has been recognized as Indiana WBE of the Year by Great Lakes Women's Business Council, Diverse Supplier of the Year by Mid-States Minority Development Council, and Woman Business Owner of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Karen's commitment to philanthropy and community are demonstrated as she “walks the talk” and leads a company with a track record of 100% employee giving to the United Way. Her company also supports over 50 charitable organizations throughout Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

Her board and committee service includes executive board member of the American Red Cross, executive board member of the Dan Beard Boy Scouts Council, co-chair of the WBE Forum Committee of the Great Lakes Women's Business Council, 2018 host committee member of the National WBENC Conference, and corporate advisory board member of the Black Data Processing Association in Indianapolis.