



## **Printella Bankhead EBS Security**

How often do we as entrepreneurs have the question, “I want to start my own business, but I don’t know where to start.”? This was the case for Printella Bankhead, who was working two jobs and was not satisfied with barely making it. She found herself saying, “There has to be a better way to make a living.”

Ever the determined businesswoman, she took a part-time job as a security officer in addition to her full-time security job. This is when her pathway to personal development began. After working both jobs for seven years, her pastor who was also one of her clients at her place of employment, encouraged Printella to go out on her own. His optimism coupled with his belief that she had what it took to be successful, propelled Printella to start her own company. Printella’s company, EBS Security, opened in 2002 with limited resources and only one client. Today, it has grown to include a portfolio of public and private sector clients. EBS provides an array of armed and unarmed security services in the Jacksonville area and beyond, such as special events security, private investigations, and bodyguard services.

As she developed her entrepreneurial skills, Printella realized the importance of continuing education and working towards achieving her goals. She was selected for the ATHENA Powerlink Program in 2018, a program of the Jacksonville Women’s Business Center and was very thankful for what it taught her.

She attributes much of her success to JWBC and has won several awards including the Better Business Bureau 2017 Torch Award for Business Ethics, the Better Business Bureau Honorary Mention 2016, SBA’s Minority Business Person of the Year 2015 and the Best of Jacksonville Security Award 2014-2015.

Printella is the author of *Staying on Course in Business and in Life*, is a certified Life Coach and graduated with honors from Florida State College at Jacksonville. With several business memberships and certifications, she has proven her diligence and dedication to her company year after year. Printella also enjoys mentoring others when needed. As local business owner Victor Quick said, “When I first moved to Jacksonville, I called up Ms. Bankhead and explained I was opening my own security company and she gave me vital advice that really helped. She is honest, caring, and professional and doesn’t see me as the competition but as a person who needed help and she stepped up to the plate. Kudos to the special lady to whom I will always be grateful and try to honor her by following her in her footsteps.”

Printella is proud to serve her clients with a professional staff that provides the highest level of safety and security her customers have come to rely on.