



Susan Wilson Graham (PhD, 1981) joined St. Louis, MO based ELANTAS PDG, Inc. (EPDG) in December 2003 as President and CEO. EPDG is a wholly owned subsidiary of ALTANA AG in Wesel, Germany. EPDG services the electrical motor and generator industries with chemical resins used for insulation. Under Sue's leadership, EPDG has developed into a respected leader within the ALTANA organization, known for upholding their leadership position as a premier supplier of electrical insulation resins.

Sue was born in Tampa where her father was stationed with the Air Force, later moving to her parents' hometown of Pittsburgh. Sue earned a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA and her Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Pitt.

She started her career working in the surface analysis labs for American Cyanamid (now Cytac) and Ashland Chemical. Sue later joined National Starch & Chemical Company as Business Manager for a new biodegradable packing peanut called "ECO-FOAM®". She went on to join Reichhold as the Vice President of an adhesives business team. Further broadening her business acumen, she joined Rohm & Haas where she managed mergers and acquisitions in the Adhesives Division.

Sue accepted her current position at EPDG because she likes a challenge. As the first non-family member to run the business, she faces new challenges every day. These range from the installation of new equipment for processes that are over 90 years old, to managing the introduction of a new enterprise management system (SAP), to managing health care costs for her nearly 200 employees, to writing a vision statement for the company.

Sue has been on the Board of the Adhesives and Sealants Council and is active with the North American Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). She has served as a mentor with Ohio Women in Science Exemplars and has spoken to many schools and organizations about careers in the field of Chemistry.