



## AIS EARNS INC. MAGAZINE 5000 BEST IN BUSINESS SILVER MEDAL IN MANUFACTURING

AIS has been named to the [Inc. 2021 Best in Business list](#) and received a silver medal in the [manufacturing category](#) in the publication's second annual awards program.

### About Inc. Magazine's 2021 Best in Business

The list recognizes small- and medium-size privately held American businesses that have had an outstanding influence on their communities, their industries, the environment, or society, over the past year.

Honorees were selected by Inc.'s editors from an extremely competitive applicant pool of more than 2,700 businesses. AIS was named second in the manufacturing category claiming its spot among 147 companies in nearly 50 different industries to be named to the prestigious 2021 Inc. Best in Business list.

### AIS' Accomplishments Earning Inc. Recognition

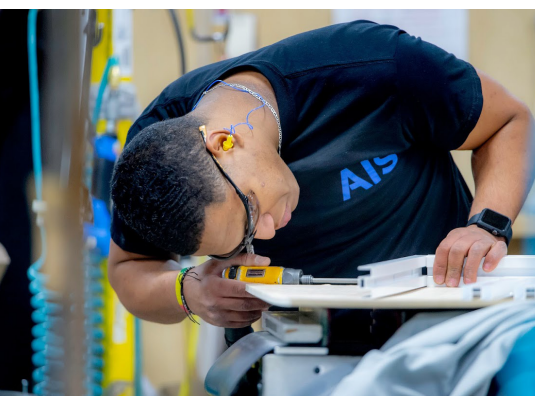
*Products that helped organizations and communities:*

AIS strategically introduced additional products and programs designed to help dealers navigate the new reality in the wake of the pandemic. These included desks that met social distancing requirements, delivering work from home products to Americans via a new quick-ship program enabling them to swiftly set up an efficient, cost effective workstation in their residences, a variety of social distancing barrier screen solutions, and high quality face masks.

Deemed an essential employer by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, AIS was a leader in battling the pandemic regionally and across the nation.

“What began for us during the pandemic as an effort to showcase companies that were helping the community has grown into a recognition of social, environmental and economic impact. The companies on this year's list are change-makers with heart – and they're pouring the best of their business into the people and communities around them.”

— Scott Omelianuk  
Editor in chief, Inc. Magazine





***"As a lean, fast-paced organization in an industry that typically has a lengthy design process and product development timeline, we were purposeful as we adapted to market conditions and consumer needs."***

**— Nick Haritos, President, AIS**



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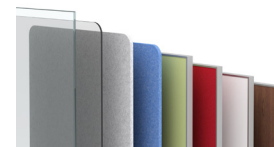
**Face Masks** | AIS converted a seating manufacturing line inside its Leominster, Massachusetts-based headquarters into a mask-making powerhouse. The team quickly produced and donated thousands of face masks to first responders and front line workers throughout the nation through the non-profit Sew the Masks initiative, founded by AIS, based on World War II icon Rosie the Riveter.

- Activated internal production lines and close to 1,000 volunteer 'Rosies' in 45 states sending them materials and instructions to sew masks in their homes.
- Provided more than \$3 million worth of high-quality masks to more than a half million people and over 500 organizations in nearly every state.



**Screens** | Converted another area in the AIS factory into a manufacturing and shipping production line for Lexan and PET screens to support social distancing.

- Provided more than 200,000 screens for essential employers and first responders nationwide.
- Expanded our product portfolio by adding PET, material made from plastic bottles, an environmentally friendly and lightweight material offering another solution for dividing space.



**ReNew England** | Developed by AIS, ReNew England, is a campaign to encourage regional companies to join forces to accelerate New England's recovery from the economic turmoil caused by the pandemic.

- Designed to expedite economic growth across the region by buying and sourcing locally, to keep dollars local multiplying the impact.
- Sourced local suppliers generating an estimated 2,720 jobs throughout the region.
- Hired more than 150 employees in the past year, now employing more than 800 workers of which 40 percent are women, representing 32 countries, making AIS one of the most diverse employers in Massachusetts and the largest manufacturer and employer in Leominster.



## Resources

- To learn more about AIS, visit [www.ais-inc.com](http://www.ais-inc.com)
- The full list of 2021 Inc. Best in Business honorees for gold, silver, bronze and general excellence across industries and categories are featured online at [www.inc.com/best-in-business](http://www.inc.com/best-in-business).

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