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Mary Ellen Powers joined the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce in 1981 as manager of human resources, became vice president in 1982, executive vice president in 1989 and chief operating/financial officer in 2003.

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