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2018 Women in Construction: Nadine Robinson, Interstate Electrical Services Corp.

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Name: Nadine Robinson

Position: BIM Coordinator

Company: Interstate Electrical Services Corp.

Location: Tewksbury, MA

What was your first position/job in the A/E/C Industry? It was with a company called Metcalf & Eddie as a CAD operator. I was the first dedicated CAD operator with the company.

Why the A/E/C Industry? I was referred by a friend. Once in the job, the industry sparked something in me. It was creative, fast paced and interesting. Every day was a new adventure and I just loved it. Eight years later, I joined Interstate, and twenty years later I still get a thrill with each new project and challenge. Over the years, I have broadened my skills – becoming proficient in specialized design programs for the electrical construction industry, as well as 3D applications such as Navisworks and Revit. Today, I am one of two BIM coordinators in the company. This position hits all the high points in terms of creativity, challenge and excitement.

Advice/Keys to Success: Keep abreast of the latest trends in the industry, including the latest technology. As a woman in the industry, it's important to be confident enough in your skills and talents to be assertive. Ask questions when no one else will. Be respectful, but don't be afraid to put it on the table.

If you had to choose one word to explain why you do what you do which suits you, and why? Actually, two words: creative challenge. This industry and specifically the work I do suits my personality perfectly. I have never shied away from a challenge and I have a creative personality. This job and this industry speaks to both sides of my personality. After all these years, this is more like play than a job. How many people can say that?