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2021 Women in Construction: Traci Jaroszewicz, Scheduling Manager, Columbia

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How have you adapted and changed in the last 12 months? Multi-tasking among working parents is at an all-time high! With three daughters in three different schools and my husband and I working

full-time, it was certainly an adjustment to have everyone working and learning from home starting last March. Over the last year, we have all adapted to a hybrid work and school environment, and although it hasn't been ideal, I feel it gave all of us new communication tools and adaptation skills to use now and in the future.

Why should women consider a career in construction? Why **SHOULDN'T** women consider a career in construction? That has always been my question. There should be no boundaries on any profession when someone has an interest. That doesn't just apply to women, but to **EVERYONE!** There are so many opportunities that fall by the wayside for people because they are labeled as "mainly male" or "mainly female" professions. If you love it, **GO FOR IT!!** Don't let labels hold you back from going for your dream.

Starting out in the construction business, who or what empowered you? I was very lucky to have so much support early in my career. I made many friends along the way, starting with my co-op at Boston Children's Hospital, all the way through to my current position. Over the last 32 years, there was one turning point that stood out for me. When I was an Assistant Project Manager, my Manager said I was ready to be a Project Manager. I was hesitant, but he insisted that I believe in my ability. I went for it, and it put me on my current career path. Everyone needs someone who believes in them!

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