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2022 Women in Construction: Jessica Cross, Project Designer, Associate at Margulies Perruzzi

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Jessica Cross

Within your firm, who has helped you succeed within the industry? How have they helped you? I was very fortunate to join Margulies Perruzzi (MP) at the very beginning of my career and to work with two great project managers. They made me feel comfortable right from the start and helped me grow and develop on a professional basis. They didn't just tell me the task at hand; instead, they showed me the bigger picture and explained how my part fit into the overall scope of the project. Over the past nine years at MP, I have had the opportunity to work on some exciting projects and every year I take on more responsibility.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? Don't be afraid to ask questions. The more I asked questions, the more people realized I wanted to grow and to learn. People love to talk about what they do. Ask open-ended questions to learn about their experiences – both good and bad – as it will help you learn and grow. Also, figure out your work/life balance and time management early in your career. Your responsibilities will continue to grow as you advance your career and you have to know how to set boundaries around your personal life. Don't answer emails on vacation! Trust your teammates to cover for you.

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