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2023 Women in Construction: Sharon Feintuck, Arcadis DPS Group

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Sharon Feintuck
Procurement Manager

What was your greatest professional achievement or most notable project in the last 12 months?

My greatest achievement in the last 12 months has been jumping feet-first into my role of procurement manager at Arcadis DPS Group – a new position in a new industry. Having been at my previous employer for over a decade I felt ready for something completely new. With the support of my colleagues, and my dynamic blend of out-of-the-box thinking and business acumen, my integration into the AEC industry has been very successful. I am happy to have made the transition.

What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry?

I have always enjoyed being hands-on, making things, and seeing how components of a project come together to create a final product. My favorite example of this is from earlier in my career. For 16 years I owned a full-service commercial custom sign business. We fabricated almost everything we installed, and I loved seeing something go from a 2-D concept to 3-D final result!

How are you involved in community organizations and/or charities?

An avid horse person, I support protecting the herds that roam the western United States through the American Quarter Horse Association. AQHA has over 230,000 members worldwide and is a strong partner with the American Horse Council, the organization representing all segments of our nation's diverse equine industry. AQHA unequivocally supports the humane treatment of horses, and vigorous enforcement of reasonable state and federal laws intended for that purpose. These horses were here before us and must be protected. I also support the ASPCA and have rescued my dog Dakotah who was a stray. In short, animals need our voices!

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry?

Tips or advice for women entering the construction industry? Wear your hard hat proudly, ladies! You deserve that seat at the table!