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2023 Women in Construction: Elizabeth Flaherty, Arcadis DPS Group

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

The past 12 months have been challenging and fulfilling. I have been lead on procuring large-scale equipment on a fast-track schedule for a large-scale manufacturing facility expansion. This has been critical to our client being able to increase their market footprint and reduce product changeover time. During this project, I was promoted to procurement manager - I put in the hard work and have been rewarded for it! Our department at Arcadis DPS Group has put together a great network of woman who support each other – that in turn keeps us engaged, makes us successful, and keeps us motivated.

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

It was a natural progression from working as an administrative assistant for an engineering group. I was introduced to two individuals who as luck would have it, would shape the course of my career. For a big industry, AEC is 'small' – I'm working with folks I've known for over 25 years, including directly with one of my original mentors. I find procurement to be interesting because of how hands-on you are from start to finish. Over the years I have built strong working relationships with clients and vendors and enjoy serving as liaison between the two.

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