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2023 Women in Construction: Mariel Nowack, C.E. Floyd Company

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What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? I have always been drawn to architecture and the built environment, so joining the AEC industry was an easy choice for me. What wasn't as easy was choosing from the endless roles there are in the industry. I started school in an engineering program and realized it wasn't the right path for me, so I pursued a construction management degree instead. I didn't expect to be an estimator for a general contractor but that's where I started in the industry and I've come to love it. I've been able to learn so much in this role.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the AEC industry? My advice to someone starting in the industry is to try different roles if you don't know which path to follow. Internships can give you exposure to multiple paths and it's a good time to find your strengths in various roles. For women specifically, remember that you can succeed in any role that you pursue as long as you have positive intentions and a strong work ethic. Do what makes you most fulfilled. Choose a role that matches your skill set and has the potential to grow as far as you want to grow in your career.