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What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? My advice to anyone considering entering the construction industry is that it's okay to not have all the answers. It's important to be knowledgeable, confident, and prepared when meeting with clients, contractors, or teammates. But even with the most thorough preparation and planning, questions will arise that we simply do not have the answers to. Our natural urge to provide immediate solutions can be stressful but taking a moment to evaluate the issue and giving a simple response such as: "Let me check on that and get back to you" provides the opportunity to assess the situation and confidently craft an appropriate and successful response.

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