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2023 Women in Construction: Kristen Cornell, Vantage Builders

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What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? I decided to seek a career in the AEC industry because it is far from mundane and it is very goal-oriented. Every project is different, which keeps the work interesting, and you can always build on your past successes and experiences. The work and processes are very tangible – you can see how your role contributes to the success of a construction project. I also enjoy the team environment created when different groups of people all work towards one goal. It is a collaborative effort to meet all deadlines to deliver a successful project and keep the clients happy.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? One suggestion I often give to women considering entering the industry is to not be afraid to ask questions. The construction industry is full of a wide variety of people and personalities, and I've found that people are very willing to share their experiences. Everyone – all the different departments, the team members at each level of the company, office workers and field personnel – is all working towards the goals we have established to grow as a company, to accomplish milestones, and to have project successes. To get the most out of your individual role in the process, it is important to ask questions, communicate with and listen to your coworkers, and make sure you're on the same page, so that as a team you can achieve the company goals.

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