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2023 Women in Construction: Cindy Cruz-Murphy, W.T. Kenney Co, Inc.

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Cindy Cruz-Murphy
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What was your greatest professional achievement or most notable project in the last 12 months? I am so proud to be part of a company that encourages professional growth and in a position that constantly challenges me. As a member of W.T. Kenney's executive team, I am proud that I have been part of our effort to create a vision and detailed plan for growth in the coming years. Like so many companies, the COVID-19 pandemic created unexpected challenges and uncertainty. Our executive team, in collaboration with our entire staff, used that period as an opportunity to improve the company in all areas. We have been proactively working toward creating a stronger company for the future, revamping systems and processes, and creating a path for advancement for all employees.

What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? I came into the industry in 2017 from my position as administrative & accounting manager at a law firm – talk about two completely different worlds! While I wasn't specifically seeking a position in the construction industry at that time, I have loved it every day since and wish that I had made to switch sooner. Analyzing the finances of each of our projects, and the entire business, is so rewarding, and I love working with our partners in the construction industry.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? This is a great time for women to work in the construction industry. There are so many opportunities, both in the field and in other capacities. Never has the industry been so diverse. My advice is to make as many connections as you can in the industry – from general contractors and architects, to all the valuable trades involved in construction projects. Be fearless, be confident and, most of all, have a sense of humor. You'll need it.