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## **2023 Women in Construction: Allie Parker, American Construction Corp.**

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

I managed and successfully completed the first three brick and mortar stores for an exclusively online brand. The design-build process, having to push the schedule to ensure we met deadlines, while also financially managing the project came with its challenges. However, seeing the brand's vision transform from concept to an operational store was incredibly rewarding. The retail team consisted of mostly women and the way we challenged each other and encouraged out-of-the-box thinking is something that will forever change how I approach construction obstacles. It was an amazing experience.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry?

Be patient but steadfast; check in with yourself and your goals. Put yourself in situations that will challenge you and make you come out of your shell. Work to find that person you feel you can go to with any questions. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? I applied for a position within the construction management department at Colorado State University because I was curious about the program. The two women I interviewed with (my mentors to this day) made me want the job even more! Their tenacity, desire to educate students on industry opportunities, and the best way get recruited for the position you want, was truly admirable. I was so excited about how I could bring my talents and personality to a space where women were starting to make a name for themselves and bring their uniqueness to the industry.

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