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2023 Women in Construction: Carolyn Sicard, NEI General Contracting

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What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? I got started in the industry because of my dad who was an associate professor at Wentworth. After my freshman year of college, I applied for different co-op positions within the civil engineering department. After exploring the architectural side, working for a municipality, and then working for a general contractor, I found that it was super busy and competitive in the estimating department. Trying to win work became a passion of mine along with finding the right subcontractors for each job. I am a very passionate person and love what I do. Helping subcontractors get work and watching them grow their businesses motivates me to keep pushing forward.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? Go for it. You can do anything you put your mind to. This industry has a lot to offer anyone, including women. I have two beautiful daughters, 17 and 18 who have both taken interest in the field. They attended a vocational high school and worked as apprentice plumbers while earning their degrees. Check out the nearest trade schools and take a tour. Explore the construction industry, and see what great opportunities are out there from all sides. There are so many careers within our industry both in the field and office with so much growth and plenty of potential!

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