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## **2023 Women in Construction: Kimberly Joyce, Colantonio Inc.**

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What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? When I was young, I was fascinated by buildings and how things go together. I spent a lot of time as a kid helping my father fix things and working with tools. I built toys and puzzles and bookcases. That led me to architectural school. Once I graduated, I discovered a quicker path to actually putting a building together was to go straight into the construction industry. I was excited to be part of building a structure that would be there for an extended period of time. I am still doing it over 30 years later, so I guess I made the right choice.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? I would say go for it! Now is a great time to break into the construction industry. Our industry is growing, and we are seeing increasing numbers of women taking part. Chances are as a woman today, you will no longer be the only one at a meeting or on a jobsite. Women provide a different point of view and can add a much-needed change in perspective that was missing until more recent years. Today that viewpoint is valued and sought after. Don't be afraid to be yourself and give your input. There is something for everyone here, accountants, HR, marketing, administrative professionals etc. Our industry is dynamic and provides a feeling of accomplishment no matter what piece of it you are involved with. Seeing something being built is like nothing else. To be able to walk into a completed building and know that in some small part you made it happen is very satisfying.

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