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## **2023 Women in Construction: Diana Deng, CIL**

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What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? I love the tangibility of the field. For me, coming from a background in housing policy, it is immensely satisfying to be able to physically see the projects I work on and see the progress of the build from building permit to certificate of occupancy. Each project presents new challenges and there is always something different to learn. It's a practical field with practical skills.

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? Have confidence and stand up for yourself. You do not have to know everything about everything to be competent at your job. Just because someone is older and/or has more experience than you does not mean they are always right. If you have a question about how something is being done, trust your intuition and it is worthwhile to do your own research.

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