

2023 Women in CRE: Elizabeth Murphy, Shawmut Design and Construction

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Elizabeth Murphy Sustainability Manager

What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of? I recently became a PHIUS Certified Builder (CPHB). This opportunity has expanded my technical skillset and knowledge, allowing me to learn from industry leaders. With the latest updates to the Massachusetts Energy Code and similar advancements in other states, this certification enables me to better serve our clients and deliver resilient, energy efficient, healthy buildings. I am looking forward to applying this on a Passive House project we have starting this winter.

What are the most important factors women in your industry should consider when choosing a firm to build their career with? Equity, opportunity, support, transparency, and accountability are all crucial factors for women to consider when choosing a company to work for and remain with. Companies should openly acknowledge and celebrate individual differences and circumstances while offering ongoing opportunities and support for personal growth.

Who inspires you most? What qualities do they possess that inspire you? I am inspired by Kotchakorn Voraakhom. Her work in climate-vulnerable communities increases resilience and equity through regenerative design, demanding a paradigm shift related to societal value systems. It's this type of work that will push us toward building a better tomorrow, for all.

Why should this nominee be recognized in our Women in Commercial Real Estate Spotlight? "Elizabeth's talent and vision make her an impactful team player, consistently delivering solid results for clients across a broad range of industries. She employs her strong construction management and leadership skills to effectively steer both project teams and clients toward sustainable practices, ensuring the achievement of sustainability and decarbonization goals." - Tom Perry, Senior Director of Engineering Services Division at Shawmut Design and Construction.

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