



Swanson of AKF named to PWC's 2019 "20 Under 40"

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New York, NY According to AKF, a global leader in engineering, technology, design, consulting and commissioning, its director of design technology, Nora Swanson, PE, LEED AP, has been selected by Professional Women in Construction (PWC) as one of 2019's top "20 Under 40" outstanding women in construction. Swanson leads AKF's Smart Buildings practice. She works with developers, landlords, architects and engineers to integrate technology into building design.

Swanson lauded PWC for its mission to support, advance, and connect women and promote diversity within the architecture, engineering, construction, (AEC) and related industries.

"PWC is a critical resource in the AEC community. PWC's commitment to provide educational and professional development programming focused on the significant topics of the day helps to enhance design and construction projects across the nation. I am both humbled and flattered to be honored by such an esteemed organization," said Swanson.

AKF CEO, Dino DeFeo, PE, and AKF partner, Jake Lawrence, PE, applauded Swanson on receiving the award from PWC. Lawrence said, "I'd like to congratulate Nora on her outstanding achievement. The recognition by our industry peers reinforces what we at AKF already know – Nora is a tremendous engineer, an even more remarkable individual, and the leadership she exudes is infectious to all around her."

DeFeo commended Swanson on being named to the "20 Under 40" outstanding women in construction list. He noted that Swanson's technical expertise and futuristic eye have been invaluable for the growth and success of AKF's Smart Buildings practice.

"Nora is an exemplary engineer and a visionary leader respected by clients and colleagues alike for her innovative approach and unique ability to anticipate, adapt and integrate new technology," said DeFeo. "We couldn't be prouder of what she's achieved. On behalf of all of AKF, I congratulate Nora for being one of PWC's '20 under 40' honorees."

Swanson, an expert on Smart Buildings, is both a frequent author and speaker on the topic. As a featured panelist at the recent Building Technology Forum hosted by Commercial Observer, Swanson joined other leading voices from across the AEC and real estate community to discuss the future of technology in the built environment.

Swanson said, "Smart Buildings are still very human. Someone needs to ask the right questions,

write the algorithm, and interpret the data.”

In addition to the honor by PWC, Swanson earned the distinction as one of Crain’s “2019 Notable Women in Tech” and has been recognized by the Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Journal as a “40 Under 40.”

PWC’s 2019 “20 Under 40” Outstanding Women in Construction will be celebrated at PWC’s Annual Holiday Party at Bryant Park Grill on December 10th.

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