



**2023 Women in Construction: Rekha Auguste-Nelson,  
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What was a pivotal point in your career? Back in 2020, I was a member of an all-female construction management team for a project in Wooster. Initially, we were renovating the Central Massachusetts YWCA. Once COVID-19 hit, the project converted into a childcare center for emergency workers. We managed to keep the job open and complete the work on time. Therefore, the most pivotal point in my career was the ribbon cutting. Being surrounded by these amazing women who kept this place running amidst a pandemic struck me in a way I had never experienced. I realized the impact our work had on this community.

How can AEC companies recruit more women? Although I started as an architect, I only realized the variety of job roles in the AEC industry once I started working for a construction management firm. I am personally drawn to the hard hat and boots, but I also appreciate that building and creating requires a diverse team. Working in AEC isn't just one thing but a whole host of job roles. For someone like me who appreciates new challenges, it is crucial to convey to women that the AEC industry is much more than it seems.

What is your favorite building in New York? After thinking about it, I think my favorite building is Madison Square Garden. This might come across as controversial since it came with the demolition of the original Pennsylvania Station, which was a beloved monument of New York City. However, I am a fan of both the Rangers and the Knicks, and love going to concerts, so MSG is the best place to go for these!