

2023 Women in CRE: Lisa Rickmers, H2M architects + engineers

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Lisa Rickmers, AICP Senior Environmental Planner

What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of? Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) have been a highlight of my work. These development projects utilize public/private partnerships to develop the energy infrastructure needed to make renewable energy a success. In my role as senior environmental planner, I have directed the environmental review for several BESS projects, evaluating the potential environmental roadblocks impacting a site's viability for BESS and providing comprehensive SEQRA support for site plan applications, including the preparation of complex expanded environmental assessments.

Who inspires you most? What qualities do they possess that inspire you? Michele Pincus, Esq. - deputy director for the real estate market at H2M. Michele is ambitious and humble. Despite continuous success, she is always seeking new heights and directions. While she has long been a leader in the industry, she is open to being both mentor and student.

Why should this nominee be recognized in our Women in Commercial Real Estate Spotlight? "Lisa should be recognized for her valuable contributions that result in the approval of our clients' diverse development projects. She has a keen understanding of SEQRA and communicates effectively with our clients, municipal officials, and her team in order to navigate complex land use entitlement processes through resolution." - Sharon Norton Remmer, Director of Planning and GIS at H2M architects + engineers.

What are the most important factors women in your industry should consider when choosing a firm to build their career with? Look for a firm that prioritizes employee development and mentoring. A firm that supports individual growth will cultivate your talent, enabling you to change and grow over your career.

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