



2024 Women in Construction: Joanna Aray, Wendel

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Joanna Araya
Construction Manager

“Joanna leads projects from the front lines in the field. She always acts in the client’s best interest. She never backs down from a challenge. From subcontractor issues to managing active construction in hospitals through COVID, she finds win-win solutions that work.” - Jason Denué, Vice President, Energy at Wendel.

What do you like best about being a woman in the AEC industry? I don’t really focus on the fact that I’m a woman in this industry. But the fact that I’m in a company with professional co-workers, supervisors and clients that recognize my hard work with respect, makes being in this industry the best.

What is your favorite building in New York? St. Patrick’s Cathedral has always been the one building that amazes me. It makes me feel strong and humble at the same time when looking at its architecture from across the street and then walking inside of the Cathedral.

What recent project, accomplishment or award are you most proud of? Being recognized by your peers that you are someone that is appreciated and respected.

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