

2025 Women in Construction: Clare Cunningham, Conceptcsi

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Clare Cunningham Vice President of Finance What is one project or achievement in your career that you are most proud of, and how did it impact your organization or community? Data-driven decision making: The future of finance in construction will be shaped by AI and data analytics, enabling smarter decisions, risk management, and trend forecasting. Predictive models are optimizing cash flow, budgets, and resource allocation. My Approach: At Conceptcsi, I'm integrating advanced financial analysis tools, refining reporting and forecasting, and exploring AI for automated monitoring. These strategies enhance profitability, efficiency, and ensure timely, well-informed decisions.

Who or what has inspired you most in your career, and what advice would you share with the next generation of women entering the A/E/C industry? The greatest inspiration in my career is my mam. Growing up, I watched her tackle challenges with strength, resilience, and integrity. She managed multiple businesses, household work, and personal life with grace and determination, showing me that success isn't just about personal achievement but about uplifting others. Her example shaped my leadership style, work ethic, and commitment to growth. Advice to women in A/E/C: Lead with confidence. Keep learning. Build strong networks. Stay humble yet bold. Embrace challenges. Champion diversity. Your voice and vision matter — use them boldly.

What's your favorite way to recharge or get inspired outside of work?

Travel and playing GAA with my local team here in NYC.

Do you have a hidden talent or a surprising fact about yourself that most people wouldn't know?

I have been to Las Vegas 29 times.

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