



## Homeworks Construction

### DESIGN-BUILD INDUSTRY ALL-STARS

#### **More Than 160 Years of Experience Combined**

*Inspiring insights from Homeworks' longstanding staff of fierce females.*

#### **What inspired you to get into the construction industry?**

I have been involved in the construction industry for 18 years. I was drawn to the construction industry because I love to see and make contributions to the improvement of peoples' quality of life — the visible impact on the communities that construction work brings. It always amazes me to see all the imaginative and creative ideas come to life, made possible by talented and hard-working construction teams. — *Wendy Wei*

**Which female role models or mentors have influenced your career the most?** My previous co-worker, who was the head of the interiors department at the firm I worked at prior to joining Homeworks, was an amazing interior designer and always

talked about working in construction. She later left the firm and moved to the mainland to work for a construction company. She convinced us that construction was a great industry to get into, and that it allows you to be creative and use your design background. She was right! — *Elyse Grable*

**Which projects or accomplishments are you particularly proud of?** I am proud of my climb and advancement in the industry. I have dug trenches, blasted rebar, cleaned on my hands and knees, stood on ladders 30 feet in the air — I know what it is like to labor and to appreciate the fruits of it. I own that! I think that is what makes me who I am and how I approach my job. — *Heather Hickox*

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