



BuildGirls.org First Discovery Day With Shimmick Construction

Buildgirls.org was thrilled to participate in Discovery Day at Shimmick Construction.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, June 20, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- BuildGirls.org, a non-profit with a focus on educating, engaging and empowering high school girls to explore future careers in infrastructure participated in Discovery Day at Shimmick Construction.

Shimmick hosted its first ever Discovery Day for high school girls at the Golden Gate Bridge project. The students spent the day learning about different career paths women at Shimmick took to get to where they are today. The students also shared their own scholastic interests and what brought them to Discovery Day. The day's agenda included safety, a project overview, a harness demonstration – safely from a tripod on the ground, a rescue demonstration, and a project tour. Shimmick women planned and executed the event, supported by colleagues throughout the Northwest division.

Shimmick's Executive Chairman, Mitch Goldsteen, who also attended the event, had this to say: "It was amazing. I was not only impressed with our team but also so proud of Shimmick. The team is filled with people who are passionate about their work, who care to give back and who each had truly fascinating journeys that I was able to hear and learn from. I was thrilled to be able to attend this day for myself and meet our amazing crews."

This first event will help set the stage for what Shimmick hopes can be replicated at other projects to increase awareness about rewarding careers in construction among female high school students. The event also served as a model for a new organization called [BuildGirls.org](https://www.buildgirls.org), whose mission is to empower, educate and engage female high school students to address the lack of female representation in the infrastructure industry.

Buildgirls.org, was founded by Sami Goldsteen, Mackenzie Goldsteen and Emmie Goldsteen, three sisters who were inspired by a series of discoveries that angered them into action with the goal of changing the infrastructure industry. During 2021, the girls discovered that females represented less than 10% of the infrastructure workforce and not one public infrastructure company was run by a female.

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