

1. What is your name?

Michelle Frelich

2. What is your job/role/title?

Project Manager

3. How or why did you enter your industry?

Happened by accident through a temporary position

4. What are the barriers/obstacles of being a woman in this industry?

Finding a company with forward thinking individuals that supports the advancement of women, being taken seriously /discounted (need to prove self over and over)

5. Why do you think there are so few females in the industry and what would you do to change that?

I don't think careers in the built environment are being shown as a viable option to females in schools or at an early enough age

6. What does an average day in your work life look like?

There really is no average; every day is something new. There are always meetings to attend and emails to respond to. When you think you are getting caught up, there is a new RFI response or change directive that needs to be addressed and priced. Field conditions are ever changing and you need to be adaptable while still maintaining the safety of the crew. Materials are sometimes delayed and work may need to shift to accommodate. The billing cycle and internal monthly job cost reviews creep up too quickly and seem like they just happened even though an entire month has gone by.

7. What would you title your autobiography?

Perseverance

8. What is your favorite hobby?

Baking

9. What is your go to song at karaoke?

I don't do karaoke

10. What is advice you would give your younger self?

Don't waste your money on going to a fancy University when you can get the same education for less at a community / local college while working.

11. What do you like most about your work?

Seeing the complete construction cycle from concept to finished project

12. What is the best career advice you have ever been given?

Learn to say "no" / set healthy boundaries

13. What was your first job?

Camp counselor at a YMCA summer camp