



NAWIC and the WOMAN in CONSTRUCTION

HOW CAN A NAWIC MEMBERSHIP ENHANCE YOUR CAREER IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY?

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

- NAWIC is a professional Association comprised of women working in construction and related industries. It was established in 1955 by 16 founding members. Today, approximately 5,800 women across the United States are NAWIC members.
- You can become a chapter member by completing a membership application and submitting it to the NAWIC Office. You may obtain an application at the NAWIC web site, by attending a chapter meeting or by requesting an application from the NAWIC Office. Student memberships are open to female students enrolled in construction-related programs at institutions of higher education and vocational programs. NAWIC also offers memberships not affiliated with a local chapter. To find out about the different types of memberships available, please visit our web site at www.nawic.org.
- A company can apply for one or more chapter corporate memberships or become a NAWIC Sponsor.

THROUGH CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION

- The NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) offers courses in the fundamentals of construction terminology, processes, procedures and technology that provide a strong, thorough overview of the industry.
- NEF offers the following certification programs through Clemson University: Certified Construction Associate (CCA), Construction Document Specialist (CDS) and Construction Industry Technician (CIT).
- Other courses are offered online through the NEF web site at www.nawiceducation.org.

- Education processes for young people from kindergarten through 12th grade is an important focus of NEF, with a primary emphasis on exposing children to career opportunities available in construction.
- More than 6,000 students each year participate in NEF's award-winning national Block-Kids contest, which promotes construction education at the grade school level. The CAD/Design/Drafting Scholarship Competitions are offered at the middle school/junior high and high school levels.
- Each year, the NAWIC Founders' Scholarship Foundation awards \$50,000 in scholarships to students enrolled in higher education and skilled trades training programs.
- Many NAWIC chapters have established scholarships and financial awards for area students pursuing degrees in various fields of construction.

BY ASSOCIATING WITH OTHER WOMEN IN THE INDUSTRY

- Members of the Association are business owners and executives, subcontractors, managers and office administrators. They are also attorneys, architects, engineers, accountants and estimators. Some members are employed in construction trades, including welding, electricity, carpentry and plumbing.
- Chapter meetings, national Conventions and region conferences provide opportunities to build a strong communication network for developing and broadening valuable business contacts.
- Various committees such as Safety and Health Awareness, Professional Education and Tradeswomen encourage members to participate in their areas of individual expertise, and to offer enhanced knowledge and support from other members with similar specializations.

BY PROVIDING MEMBER SERVICES AND BENEFITS

- The Association offers its members a wide range of discounted member services, which includes a credit card program, car rentals, office supplies, subscriptions to industry publications and discounts on textbooks offered through NEF.
- The Association's award-winning national magazine, *The NAWIC IMAGE*, keeps members informed of Association news, industry happenings and issues affecting today's woman in construction.

BY PROMOTING INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Local NAWIC chapters initiate and participate in projects that benefit the industry and community, such as Habitat for Humanity and the Phoenix, Ariz., Chapter's *Construction Dictionary*, which is now in its ninth edition with approximately 85,000 volumes sold.
- Chapter members have renovated schools, constructed homeless shelters and playgrounds, and taught construction safety workshops. Chapters and regions have united to create and participate in flood- and disaster-relief programs and have sponsored construction education classes.
- NAWIC members are involved in joint activities with area construction companies, civic organizations and other associations, creating a network of communication and support in their communities.
- NAWIC chapters conduct Career Days in local schools and communities to encourage men and women to enter the world of construction.
- Many chapters participate in job fairs to recruit women who are interested in changing careers and to provide information on educational and training requirements for both traditional and nontraditional construction opportunities.

THROUGH LIAISONS & PARTNERING AGREEMENTS

- More than 30 associations work with NAWIC to share resources, aggressive problem resolutions and safety training. Together, we create a more positive image of the industry and the role of women who work in the nontraditional field of construction. NAWIC maintains partnerships with the following organizations:

- American Institute of Constructors
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- American Society of Professional Estimators
- American Subcontractors Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Associated General Contractors of America
- Construction Financial Management Association
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Center for Construction Education & Research
- National Society of Professional Engineers
- Society of Marketing Professional Services
- Southern Building Code Congress International
- Surety Association of America
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Dept. of Labor, Women's Bureau
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Women Build of Habitat for Humanity International
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council
- WomenWork! *The National Network for Women's Employment*

CORE PURPOSE

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

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