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Association News



AC Speaker Spotlight: Jamey Barbas, PE

Breakout Session: Construction of the Governor Mario M, Cuomo Bridge

Jamey Barbas, PE is the Project Director charged with replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York with the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge — one of the largest bridge projects in the U.S., on behalf of the New York State Thruway Authority.

A transformative senior executive with a career in bridge design and construction, she has held leadership positions in several international consulting firms. Her industry experience includes leadership of the strategic, operational and technical aspects for the delivery of major structures projects. A registered professional engineer with 35 years of experience in bridge management, design, construction and inspection, she has a special emphasis on complex and long span bridges.



Barbas' experience includes several award-winning, domestic and international projects. She has led the inspection, design and construction support services for the reconstruction of the Williamsburg Bridge in NYC

— one of the largest bridge reconstruction projects ever undertaken in the U.S. — and led the design of the major bridges of the AutoRoute 30 project in Montreal, Canada — one of the largest P3 bridge projects in North America.

Barbas is a native New Yorker, a graduate of Barnard College and the Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. She has written numerous technical papers and was named by Engineering News Record as one of their top Newsmakers of 2004 for her work in providing an emergency solution to a failing historic suspension bridge.

She also serves on the board of directors for Bridges to Prosperity, a non-profit that provides footbridges in rural communities to increase access to schools, health care and market.

Early Bird Registration Has Been Extended to May 15th!



The deadline for Early Bird Registration has been extended to May 15th. Don't miss your chance to save; make your reservations to be there TODAY!

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Nominations For Our Top 3 National Awards Are Due by June 1st

Nominations for our top 3 National Awards are due to [Crissy Ingram](#) by **June 1st**. The categories are **Future Leader of the Year, Member of the Year, Lifetime Achievement**.

Please share this information with your chapter members and nominate a deserving woman today!

****Remember, you may nominate someone that has been nominated in the past that did NOT win.****

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Atlanta Braves/Sun Trust Park Outing

Please join the National Association of Women in Construction of Atlanta for a fun night out at Sun Trust Park as we watch the Braves take on the Miami Marlins! Best part of all, join us as a group prior to the game as we will be parading around the field for group recognition!

NAWIC Atlanta Outing; Tuesday, Aug. 20 @ 7:20 p.m.

Please arrive no later than 6 p.m. at the 3rd Base Ramp inside the stadium between sections 133 and 135 in order to participate in the parade. Late arrivals will unfortunately not be granted access beyond 6 p.m.

This is open to anyone that wants to attend under the NAWIC name. Tickets are \$25 each.

[Order Tickets](#)



NAWIC-Columbia Hosts Inaugural Construction Kids Discovery and Awareness Day

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) **Columbia (South Carolina) Chapter #113** hosted its inaugural Construction Kids Discovery and Awareness Day on March 30 at Lexington Technology Center in Lexington, South Carolina.

This educational community event provided children with a hands-on opportunity to see and touch heavy machinery and meet the people who play a role in building our community.

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Source: groundbreakcarolinas.com

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Announcing the New "NAWIC Excellence in Construction Awards"

Exciting news! NAWIC is rolling out the inaugural "NAWIC Builds Excellence in Construction Awards." These awards will be presented at NAWIC's Annual Conference in August. Be sure to share this opportunity with your colleagues and employers. Application Deadline is June 15.

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AWCI Names First Female President in its 100 Years

The Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry recently named Nancy Brinkerhoff as the first AWCI President in its 100-year history. Nancy is a member of **Santa Clara Chapter 99**. We congratulate Nancy for her achievement for not only representing women but NAWIC in this historic new role!

Source: wconline.com

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'Real Housewives' Star Barbara Kavovit On Why Women In Construction Need 'Balls Of Steel'

Barbara Kavovit is busy. She's starring on the new season of the Real Housewives of New York and has a novel coming out, while also running her business, Evergreen Construction.

Being the founder of a construction company in New York City, it goes without saying that Kavovit works in a male-dominated field. Ten percent of the industry's workforce throughout the country was female in 2018, compared to 50% for real estate, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In commercial real estate specifically, 35% of the workforce was female in 2015, the women's organization CREW Network found.

Source: *Forbes.com*



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Webinar - Mentoring 101

Description: NAWIC Emerging Professionals is here to help you start a chapter mentoring program. This webinar will go through the process of implementing a chapter mentoring program and give you tips to get your chapter program kicked off. Are you a mentor, mentee, on the chapter board, or the chapter president? This webinar is for all NAWIC members.

Date: Tuesday, May 14 at 11 a.m. CST

Presenters: Diana Hagan and Brenda Maldonado

Attendees: Current NAWIC Members

Join the session: <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Webinars.asp>



NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

ConsensusDocs

ConsensusDocs publishes a comprehensive catalog of 100+ documents that cover all your contract document needs.

ConsensusDocs are the only standard contracts developed by a diverse coalition of 40 leading associations with members from

all stakeholders in the design and the construction industry. ConsensusDocs contracts incorporate best practices and fairly allocates risk to help reduce costly contingencies and adversarial negotiations. NAWIC endorses ConsensusDocs, and as a NAWIC member, you are entitled to a 20% discount on all ConsensusDocs products! Subscribe today! You'll find the instructions and more information on the [NAWIC Benefits page](#) to receive your member discount.



Construction Industry Unemployment at Record Low

With 33,000 net new jobs added to the industry in April, construction unemployment at a record low and other positive signs across the broader economy, a downturn is at bay for at least another year, according to Associated Builders and Contractors' analyses of Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

Source: *ConstructionDive.com*

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What Makes a Successful Request for Proposal?

Requests for proposals (RFPs) — they're like supercharged invitations to bid, and contractor responses to them can form the blueprint for how the project will be run rather than just how much it will cost. So, when preparing a response to one of these documents, it's important to know how RFPs relate to the contract, what will make a good impression on owners and how the experts handle proposals in response to these requests.

Source: ConstructionDive.com

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