

Jasmine Azima: Leading the Way in Total-Building Commissioning

Role within the construction industry: My role and the role of Jasmine Engineering, Inc. is that of an independent, third-party owner's representative for hospitals, school districts, government agencies and private companies who are planning and building construction projects.

Reason for choosing construction field: I became an engineer because I was always fascinated by how things were built and how they worked — especially architecture and how buildings and all their parts go together and work.

Length of time in construction: Jasmine Engineering has evolved over the last almost 25 years into a service provider for different aspects of the industry.

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Most challenging experiences working in a male-dominated industry: Those challenges can be boiled down to being considered on an equal footing with male-owned companies to have an equal opportunity to perform and to develop a proven track record.

Your most important contribution to the industry: Helping to raise the standards and the expectations of the community and the industry when it comes to energy conservation. Also, their standards and expectations about taking advantage of what new technology have to offer, in an affordable way.

Person(s) who inspired this career path: Cliff Morton, a noted residential developer and civic leader for more than 40 years in San Antonio.

Outlook on construction industry in the next five years: Very challenging, yet bringing some great opportunities because of the tight economy. Placing more emphasis on total-building commissioning,

Jasmine Azima, founder, Jasmine Engineering, Inc.



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Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX: Jasmine Engineering, Inc. was selected as the first commissioning agent for Texas A&M University System. Preconstruction and construction phase commissioning services were for the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of the new Student Center at TAMU – Commerce. Jasmine Engineering, Inc. will also provide commissioning services during the one-year postacceptance/warranty period.

“building green” and sustainability.

Accommodations for economic hardships affecting the construction industry: To push for my clients to make sure there are more thorough preconstruction and cost-estimating services on their projects, which is why total-building

commissioning is a very valuable service for them to use.

Advice to females considering entering the construction industry: Know what you are talking about, do what you do well and better than your competition and work harder than everyone else.

Influence the industry has had on you as a person: It has made me a stronger, better person because the industry is constantly changing and always subject to so many factors, from the world economy to natural disasters to political trends; so, you have to be ready to handle anything at any time and many things at once. ■



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