

TRANSCRIPT OF BETH BOHNENSTIEHL INTERVIEWS

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We are a woman-owned commercial-civil contractor here in the Metro East area. We are located out of St. Jacob Illinois. We have about 45 employees working for us now.

We were able to bring our diversity and the diversity from the area into this project. Where this space was almost completely barren and in need of help, we came in, we were able to do all the civil work.

So this particular project was definitely a project that was to use the local area labor force. We were able to bring in different apprentices for this job. It became a learning experience for them, and which it's meant to be for in the future as well. We were also able to bring people into this job who, as they were driving by, they could be proud that they were the ones actually working on this job, they were the ones putting effort into their own community and putting back to what's here in this City of East St. Louis.

It's a very hard industry, it's a very male-dominated industry. And to be given the challenge, to come out here and do a successful job, we are so proud of everything that's happened, and what it's going to bring to the community.