

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

This year's Women's History Month celebration will focus on Women Owned Businesses that contributed to the LGA Redevelopment Program.



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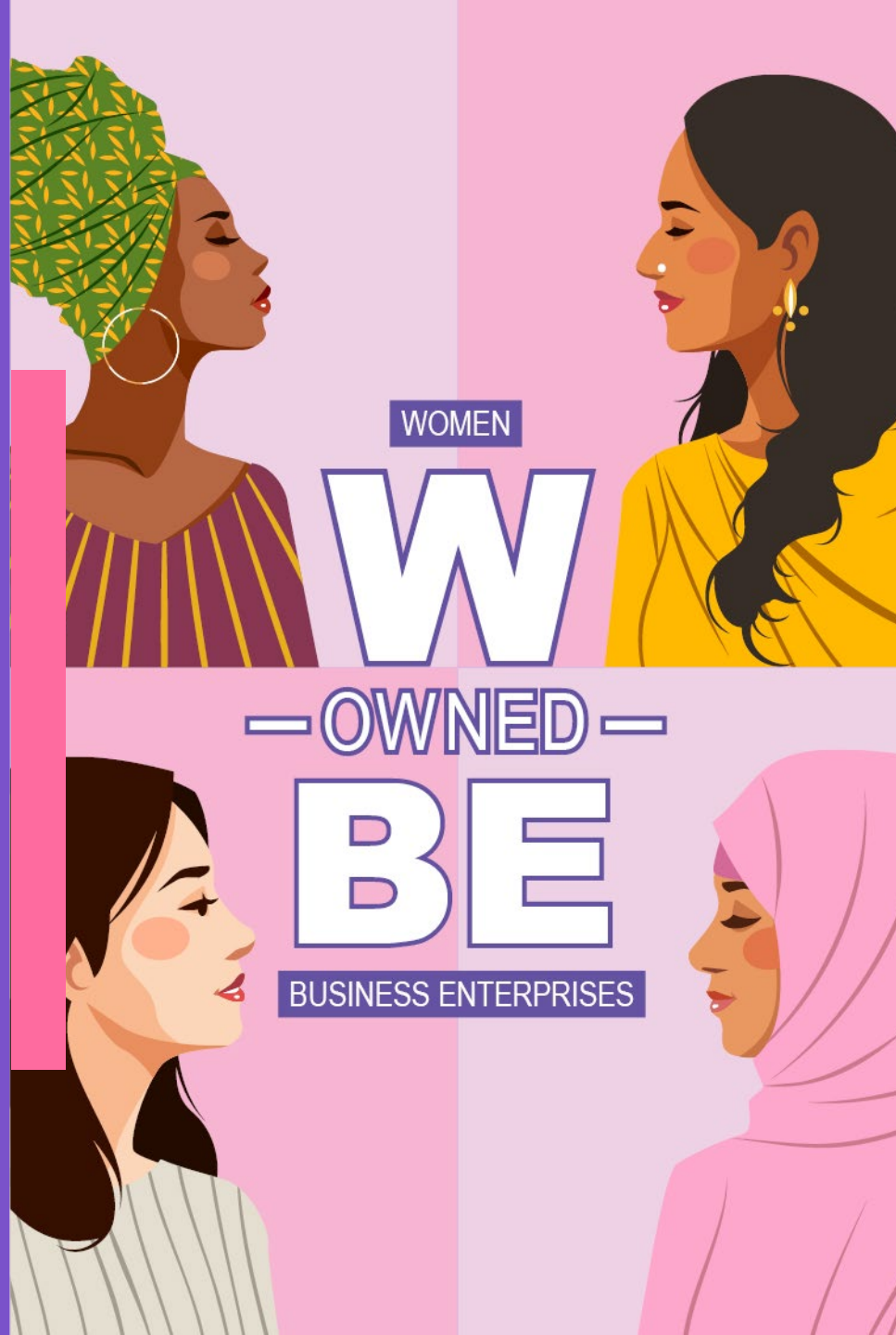


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History Of Women's History Month

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month."

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well"

President Jimmy Carter's message designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's Week

Reference: <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month>

ATCO Contracting Group, Inc.

Elaina Viennas / Founding Member and President

Elaina Viennas is the founding member and President of ATCO Contracting Group, Inc. Elaina is a NYS/NYC Certified WBE Environmental Remediation Contractor, a Member of the Environmental Contractors Association (ECA), and Local 78 & 12A Hazardous Workers Trade Unions.

Elaina was first introduced to Construction while she was working as a Design Consultant and Vendor Liaison for an Architectural Firm in Athens, Greece. Elaina's enthusiasm for construction and organizational skills has allowed ATCO Contracting Group, Inc. to be a leader in all phases of environmental abatement.

Working closely with various public agencies in the Transportation Industry, Education, and Health Sector, ATCO Contracting Group, Inc. continues to provide a cost effective on-budget approach with emphasis on safety and regulatory compliance ensuring the client's needs are met to the highest standards.

Contribution: Construction Contracting



Carter, Milchman and Frank, Inc.

Leslie Baltes / President

Within the male dominated world of industrial supplies, Leslie Baltes is an accomplished business woman and the President of Carter, Milchman, and Frank Inc. (CMF) She wears many hats in her role and oversees a 40,000 square foot warehouse in Long Island City, Queens. She manages a fleet of trucks, eclectic staff of 40 people, and serves over 1,000 customers. Leslie drives the success of the company and supplies materials for a multitude of bridge, tunnel, and airport projects all over the Tri-State area, most recently LaGuardia Airport.

Due to Leslie's passion for business and strong work ethic, she rose through the ranks at CMF before finally becoming President in 2017. Leslie has a degree from Hofstra University in Business Administration and is a certified public accountant. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Leslie is a proud Mom of three wonderful children and her beloved dog; she enjoys traveling, gardening, and yoga. Leslie continues to be a role model and inspiration for women in business and she strives to lift up other women facing obstacles



Contribution: Construction Materials Supplier

EnTech Engineering

Sue Bayat / Founder and President

Sue Bayat, PE, is the founder and president of EnTech Engineering, PC, (EnTech). Entech is a WBE-certified consulting engineering firm that provides engineering, environmental, and construction management services for the AEC industry. She has a master's degree in civil/environmental engineering and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. Sue is a Professional Engineer in NY and NJ, and a NYCDOB Certified Site Safety Manager. Sue has built EnTech's principles and core values to promote a culture of excellence by encouraging members of the EnTech family to learn every day, to always do the right thing, and to celebrate diversity. EnTech encourages everyone to have fun while challenging them to take ownership of their projects, think beyond, and care about the environment and climate change in all their decisions.



Contribution: Consulting Engineering

International Asbestos Removal, Inc.

Karen Grando / CEO

Karen Grando is the CEO of International Asbestos Removal, Inc. (IAR) With over 35 years of experience in the industry, her company has worked on several thousand projects since its inception in 1987.

IAR is a licensed and bonded full service environmental remediation and insulation firm. IAR is a certified Women Based Enterprise that provides mechanical and plumbing insulation, as well as asbestos, lead, and mold remediation services, demolition, and energy audits. IAR's environmental field teams are comprised of union members from NY Locals 78, 12A, 731, 79, 66 and NJ locals 3 and 77 and MA local 6. The insulation field teams are made up of union members from NY Local 12, MA local 6, NJ local 32 and Delaware Valley local 14. Under Karen's leadership, IAR has worked for top public and private organizations.

Karen graduated from Hofstra University with a BA in Accounting, and she is the President of the Environmental Contractors Association, a member of the Insulation Contractors Association, and a former Union Trustee.

In 2011, Karen was awarded the Crain's Business Top Entrepreneur Award. IAR was ranked 28th among the Top 100 Fastest Growing Urban Businesses in America for the 2013 Inner City Awards by ICIC. IAR was recently named the 2022 Specialty Contractor of the Year by ENR.



Contribution: Asbestos Removal

MONTANA

Jennifer Muhlrاد / President

Jennifer Muhlrاد grew up in Orange County, NY. Her childhood memories entail her immigrant parents hustling and she knew from an early age that she wanted to start a business and to be an entrepreneur. After graduating from Brandeis University in 1996, she came to NYC and launched a distribution business focusing on the construction industry.

During the early years of the inception of Montana, there were a number of challenges and tribulations. In 1998 she identified an opportunity in the transit industry and realized there was a need to supply a specialized material for this market space. Fast forward 20 plus years and her company, Montana, is now known as one of the industry's most dependable distributors of electrical, data, transit, and security material. Montana has become a primary supplier for both large and small projects throughout the tristate area, including the newly improved LaGuardia Airport.

Jennifer takes time to mentor and consult with women owned businesses and has helped numerous people come up with creative and innovative ways to find success in the construction industry.

Jennifer is a mother raising 2 teenage daughters, Dalya and Zoe. When she is not working, you can find her with her daughters or enjoying the outdoors.



Contribution: Electrical, data, transit, and security materials

Lu Ning Architecture, Inc.

Ning Lu / President

Ning Lu comes from a family that shares a passion for art and architecture. She has observed, taught, and practiced in the field of architecture since her formal college architectural education in 1993 at the Zhejiang University in China.

Ning holds professional architectural degrees from both China and the United States, including a Master's degree from Harvard University - Graduate School of Design. Having been focused in the field of architecture both in China and the United States for over two decades, Ning has had extensive experience in the architectural development of cultural and institutional work, as well as residential and hospitality. She has contributed to the addition of an aggregate of several million square feet of new developments to New York's skyline.

An adjunct professor at Baruch College's Real Estate Institute, she has taught Zoning and Land Use in New York City since 2011. Ning also serves as a Director on the Board for Downtown Flushing Transit Hub Business Improvement District (BID), the Chinese American Real Estate Association, and the New York Chinese Business Association.



Contribution: Design Architecture

SD Printing & Design Inc.

Caty Gonzalez / President

Caty (Begonia Catalina) Gonzalez was born and raised in Cuenca, Ecuador. She is an entrepreneur with more than 20 years of professional experience, having embarked on her first business venture in her native country in 1994 by developing a textile import and export business that reached the North American market.

Caty emigrated to the United States in 1999. Not long after making New York City her family's new home, she opened her first small business in the graphic arts industry, offering professional design and printing services.

In 2010, Caty founded SD Printing & Design Inc., a full-service printing manufacturer and distributor that has been growing its reach within the American advertising industry, offering services to global companies in the private and public sectors.

Due to Caty's experience as a merchant herself, she continuously works to create and improve innovative services that are useful for any client starting and growing a business.

Throughout the years, Caty has been recognized for her entrepreneurial achievements, including a Proclamation from former New York City Council Member Julissa Ferreras, and a Hispanic Female Entrepreneur Award from the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

Contribution: Printing and Design



Tec-Crete Transit Mix Corp.

Linda Gisonda / President

For almost 25 years, the Tec-Crete Transit Mix Corp. name has been synonymous with quality and service. As a leader in producing one of the most durable building materials in the world, Tec-Crete, like concrete, is recognized for its strength and durability delivering quality ready-mix concrete to high profile jobs, major infrastructure construction, and high-rise projects throughout the New York City market.

Under the guidance and leadership of its founder, Linda Gisonda, Tec-Crete Transit Mix Corp. is the first union ready-mix concrete supplier in New York City to be awarded a Women Business Enterprise (WBE) certification. Tec-Crete has earned credibility servicing quality high-strength concrete and supplying the largest of projects with its formidable fleet size and strategically located concrete plants.

Born into the industry with her father's ready-mix concrete company, Linda Gisonda has carried on the family legacy through her own business, having started Tec-Crete in July 1998. Growing up in the construction world, coupled with years of hard work and perseverance, Linda proved herself and earned her spot in the concrete industry for consistently delivering a flawless product with the utmost service. Serving as an exemplary role model, known for her dedication and strong work ethic, Linda's family is currently following her footsteps and continuing the legacy. Linda and her children take great pride in the quality of Tec-Crete's products and services provided to its customers.

Contribution: Concrete Construction Materials



Write It Up

Jamillah Wright / CEO and Founder

Jamillah Wright is CEO and Founder of Write It Up, a writing and strategic communications firm with 25 years of experience. Ms. Wright is an editorial and marketing leader with a strong record of creating communications across print and digital platforms.

Based in New York, Write It Up works with private sector corporations and government agencies to deliver content solutions that drive growth and innovation. The company has established itself as a leader in providing communications for the construction industry. To support the Delta Air Lines LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Program, Write It Up provided technical writing and editing, supplier diversity outreach and graphic design services.

“We partner with our clients to create meaningful, strategic content,” Wright says. “It has been a wonderful experience collaborating with Delta Air Lines on the LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Program. We have also developed relationships with other firms within the LaGuardia Program, which has contributed to our business growth.”

Write It Up is certified as a Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise with New York City, New York State and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.



Contribution: Technical Writing and Editing