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ACCNJ's Jill Schiff Named 2025 Woman of Achievement by Professional Women in Construction - New Jersey Chapter

Award Recognizes Industry Excellence and Supports Next Generation of Women in AEC Fields

Edison, NJ - [Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey](#) (ACCNJ) is proud to announce that Jill Schiff, Chief Operating Officer, has been honored with a 2025 Women of Achievement Award by the [Professional Women in Construction - New Jersey Chapter](#) (PWC-NJ). This award recognizes leading women in the architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) sectors who have demonstrated professional success, leadership, and commitment to fostering diversity in the industry.

"We are incredibly proud of Jill for receiving this year's Women of Achievement Award," **said Jack Kocsis, Chief Executive Officer, ACCNJ.** "This is a testament to her impact not only within our organization, but across the construction industry as a whole. With 35 years of dedicated service, Jill has become a trusted mentor to her colleagues and embodies the values this award represents. We are thrilled to celebrate this well-deserved achievement."

"I'm delighted to congratulate Jill Schiff on being named one of this year's Women of Achievement," **said Liza Pope, President, PWC-NJ and Executive Vice President, H.C. Constructors, Inc.** "I am proud that she was nominated, knowing the incredible impact she has had on the construction industry. Throughout her career, and now as Chief Operating Officer of ACCNJ, she continues to lead and mentor with passion that has inspired so many of us."

PWC-NJ has hosted their Women of Achievement Awards event since 2012. In 2019, the organization launched their Professional Women in Construction Scholarship Fund to support female students interested in pursuing a degree in architecture, engineering, STEM, and construction-related fields. Since its inception, the fund has awarded \$90,000 in academic scholarships to 25 promising women entering AEC fields.

This year's Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon was held on May 21st at the Liberty House in Jersey City, with more than 300 industry professionals attending to celebrate this

year's honorees. At the luncheon, which ACCNJ proudly sponsored, \$5,000 scholarships were awarded to five recipients, totaling \$25,000 in scholarship support this year.

In addition to Jill Schiff, the following recipients received the 2025 Women of Achievement Award:

- **Patrice Clark**, Owner and Senior Vice President, Vericon Construction, *ACCNJ member*
- **Jennifer D'Emilio**, Interim Director of Engineering at Summit West, Bristol Myers Squibb
- **Valerie Moran**, Executive Vice President, JDC Energy Services

For more information about PWC-NJ's Women of Achievement Awards and their scholarship program, visit [PWC-NJ.org](https://www.pwc-nj.org).

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ABOUT ACCNJ

ACCNJ represents general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey that employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers each year. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility, and institutional construction projects annually. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey throughout quality, integrity, skill, and responsibility. To learn more about ACCNJ or becoming a member, visit: [accnj.org](https://www.accnj.org).

ABOUT Jill Schiff, COO, ACCNJ

With 35 years of service to the construction industry, Jill Schiff joined ACCNJ's predecessor organization, BCANJ, in February 1990 as Assistant Safety Director. During her tenure, Jill has stepped into a variety of roles encompassing safety, education, workforce development, event planning and much more.

Jill was named Chief Operating Officer of ACCNJ in January 2024. In this role, she is responsible for managing the Association's day-to-day operations, executing its operational plans and managing a team of 11 individuals. Even more importantly, she has assumed the role of mentor for many of her new co-workers and continues in that role for those who have been part of the management team for years.