



## LUNA PROFILE & FAQ



**Annual Luna Awards and RHCA  
Women's Business Conference**  
Construction, Architecture and Engineering

**October 28, 2016**

Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas Texas

Presented by  
**Regional Hispanic Contractors Association**

Partner Associations  
**Greater Dallas-Fort Worth WTS Chapter**  
**Dallas Women's Foundation**  
**NAWIC-Dallas Chapter**  
**NAWIC-Fort Worth Chapter**  
**WCOE Dallas**





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Luna event is chaired by local business women in the construction, architecture and engineering profession, and managed by a group of women in the industry.



## Luna Awards

- Rising Star Firm Of The Year
- Established Construction Firm Of The Year
- Outstanding Professional Of The Year
- Business Advocate Of The Year
- Dallas Mayor's Award
- Established Service Firm Of The Year
- Outstanding Administrative Professional Of The Year
- Outstanding Executive Of The Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Fort Worth Mayor's Award



The Luna committee serves as a pipeline for building leadership skills and networking opportunities for women in the construction industry and profession.



The philosophy of the Luna Conference is empowering through training and awareness for women in all career levels in construction, architecture and engineering.



## Conference Highlights:

- Professional Training & Development
- A/E/C Industry Awareness
- Networking
- Advocacy
- Awards & Recognitions



## Conference Participation:

- Conference 500+
- Awards Luncheon 800+



## Partner Associations:

- Dallas Women's Foundation
- NAWIC-Dallas Chapter
- NAWIC-Fort Worth Chapter
- Greater Dallas-Fort Worth WTS Chapter
- Women Construction Owners & Executives, USA



The Luna Conference and Awards Luncheon benefit the RHCA scholarship program:

- Over 230,000 scholarship dollars awarded
- Luna proceeds go towards the scholarships of Latinas (5 Latinas to date)
- Luna scholars major in construction and related fields
- Luna scholars attend: Texas A&M, Rice University, SMU and Texas Tech
- These young women also participate in:
  - Summer internships with minority and corporate contractors and businesses
  - Christmas and summer training sessions at the RHCA





## LUNA FAQS

### What are the Luna Awards?

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### Who can be nominated for a Luna Award?

Women in the architecture, construction and engineering industry can be nominated.

### How many awards will be presented?

There will be a total of Ten Awards presented.

Ten (10) Luna Awards will be presented to women in the construction industry in the following areas:

- Rising Star Firm of the Year:** The Luna Rising Star Firm of the Year Award recognizes a woman-owned company that has taken great risks to break new ground, demonstrate innovation and trendsetting, and exhibited the potential for growth to an established enterprise.
- Established Service Firm of the Year:** The Luna Established Service Firm of the Year Award recognizes a well-established, non-construction woman-owned company that provides exemplary services to companies in construction, architecture or engineering in the North Texas area. Examples: Accounting, Consulting, Janitorial, Legal, Printing, Signs, Marketing, HR/Labor Services, etc.
- Established Construction Firm of the Year:** The Luna Established Construction Firm of the Year Award recognizes a well-established, woman-owned construction company that has exemplary performance in the industry and does business in the North Texas area. This award is given to a woman-owned company in construction, architecture or engineering.
- Outstanding Administrative Professional of the Year:** The Luna Outstanding Administrative Professional of the Year Award recognizes a professional woman who works for a company in construction, architecture or engineering industry doing business in the North Texas area. This individual provides support in the following areas; Office Manager; Accountant/Bookkeeper; Executive Assistant; Business Development/Marketing; Technical Support (IT), etc. This person provides support behind-the-scenes that advances the success of the company and reinforces the overall team effort.
- Outstanding Professional of the Year:** The Luna Outstanding Professional of the Year Award recognizes an exemplary professional woman in construction, architecture or engineering industry doing business in the North Texas area. This individual plays a pivotal role as a Superintendent, Field Employee, Engineer, Architect, Project Manager, Scheduler, Estimator, or Maintenance Supervisor who is instrumental in ensuring timely delivery of a successful project.
- Outstanding Executive of the Year:** The Luna Outstanding Executive of the Year Award recognizes a Woman Senior Executive in construction, architecture or engineering industry working in the North Texas area.
- Lifetime Achievement Award:** The Luna Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a woman who has been in construction, architecture or engineering industry in the North Texas area for a minimum of 20 years or more.
- Dallas & Fort Worth Mayor's Award:** The Luna Mayor's Award recognizes a woman who has been in construction, architecture or engineering industry in the North Texas area working for or in direct relationship with the city.

And One (1) Luna Award will be presented to an individual or company serving as an advocate for the inclusion of women in the construction industry.

- Business Advocate of the Year:** The Luna Business Advocate of the Year Award recognizes an individual or company who serves as an advocate for the inclusion of women in construction, architecture or engineering and doing business in the North Texas area.

### Do you have to be a member of the RHCA, Greater Dallas-Fort Worth WTS Chapter, Dallas Women's Foundation, Women Construction Owners & Executives or NAWIC-Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter?

No, nominations are open to all women in the construction, architecture and engineering industry.

**When is the nomination deadline?** Nominations are due September 16, 2016

### When are the nominee's worksheet due?

2016 Luna official nomination worksheets are due Friday, October 7, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.





## LUNA FAQs

### When will the Luna Awards and RHCA Women's Business Conference be held?

The event will be held on October 28, 2016 - Dallas, TX.

### How do I learn more about sponsorship opportunities?

We have several opportunities available for individuals and corporations. To learn more about the sponsorship opportunities below, please visit our webpage: Luna website at [www.lunaconference.com](http://www.lunaconference.com) or the RHCA website at [www.regionalthca.org](http://www.regionalthca.org)

- Conference/EXPO/Awards Luncheon Sponsorship
- Co-Branding Opportunities (Luna Pink Hard Hat, Volunteers Safety Vest or Expo Bags
- Expo Exhibitor Registration
- Individual Tickets

### Can I serve as a volunteer at this event?

The RHCA is always looking for volunteers. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Yolanda Tafoya at [yolanda@regionalthca.org](mailto:yolanda@regionalthca.org).

### Do I have to attend the Conference Sessions, Expo and Luncheon or can I purchase a ticket for one of the events?

We believe there is great benefit in attending both events; however, we recognize that in some cases this may not be feasible for an attendee. The following options are available:

- Conference/Expo Only - \$0 (7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) RSVP required.
- Business Expo Only - \$0 for Individuals
- Individual Luncheon Ticket - \$125 RHCA Member / \$150 Non Members: Individual attendance to Business Conference, Expo and one ticket to the awards luncheon.

### Can men attend the conference?

Yes, the conference is open to men and women.

### Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

Our website has a wealth of information about the Luna Awards and Women's Business Conference. Feel free to use the site as a resource and you may also contact [yolanda@regionalthca.org](mailto:yolanda@regionalthca.org).

### How can I get a commemorative Luna "Pink" Hard Hat?

You must attend the conference seminars.

## Luna Awards and Women's Business Conference



## Luna Reception



# LUNA AWARD RECIPIENTS

## 2007 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**NOW Specialties, Inc.**  
Sherry K. Nolan

Established Service Firm  
**Injury Management Organization, Inc.**  
Katherine Benavides

Rising Star Firm  
**Law Offices of Cynthia Figueroa**  
Cynthia Figueroa

Business Advocate  
**DFW International Airport**

Outstanding Construction Professional  
**Leah Gentzler**  
Gentzler Electrical Services

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Melissa Maldonado**  
Stonehill Commercial Painting

## 2008 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**DMCA Inc.**  
Deborah M. Cardenas

Established Service Firm  
**Ibarra Consulting Engineers Inc.**  
Raquel Ibarra

Rising Star Firm  
**R & A Masonry, Inc.**  
Andrea Alaniz

Business Advocate  
**Jayne Williams**  
KPost Company

Outstanding Professional  
**Martha Wolf**  
The Ratliff Group

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Jill Melancon**, KPost Company

## 2009 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**BRJ Paving Incorporated**  
Barbara Jones

Established Service Firm  
**Ponce Contractors Inc.**  
Elizabeth Ponce

Rising Star Firm  
**MEB Construction LLC**  
Eve Fields

Business Advocate  
**Katrina Keyes**  
K Strategies Group LLC

Outstanding Professional  
**Nicole Balli-Little**  
Turner Construction, Co.

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Glenda Lopez**  
NWH Management Dallas

## 2010 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**Bradley & Douglas Construction Services, LLC**  
Sharon Douglas

Established Service Firm  
**CamargoCopeland, Architects, Inc.**  
Myriam Camargo

Rising Star Firm  
**Criado & Associates, Inc.**  
Cristina Criado

Business Advocate  
**Suzanne Cruz-Sewell**  
DFW International Airport

Outstanding Executive  
**Angela Dominguez**  
Renaissance Contractors Partnership

Outstanding Professional  
**Katie Humphries**  
Balfour Beatty Construction

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Maribel DeLeon**  
GDHCC

## 2011 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
Renaissance Contractors Partnership  
Angela Dominguez

Established Service Firm  
**K Strategies Group LLC**  
Katrina Keyes

Rising Star Firm  
**MRP (Make Ready Plus)**  
Yvette Gonzalez

Business Advocate  
**Rebecca Hicks**  
Bellinger and DeWolf

Outstanding Executive  
**Belen Marcos**  
North Tarrant Express Mobility Partners (NTEMP)

Outstanding Professional  
**Yesenia Garcia**  
Phillips/May Corporation

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Jackie G. Barnes**  
Parsons



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## 2012 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**VRX, Inc.**  
Noelle Ibrahim

Established Service Firm  
**Gonzales Labor Systems, Inc.**  
Cecilia Gonzales

Rising Star Firm  
**Acar Management Group**  
Jollyn Mwisongo.

Business Advocate  
**Velina Willis**  
Tarrant County HUB Coordinator

Outstanding Executive  
**Kimberly Tolbert**  
North Texas Tollway Authority

Outstanding Professional  
**Lisa Cruz Alonzo**  
City of Dallas Resource Link Team

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Kristy Livingston**  
Turner Construction

## 2013 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**Urban Engineers Group, Inc.**  
Nilsa Luna

Established Service Firm  
**W. Ware & Associates, Inc.**  
Wyntress B. Ware

Rising Star Firm  
**DGR Consultants LLC**  
Diane Gollhofer, PE

Business Advocate  
**Angela Berry-Roberson**  
Ferrovial Agroman US

Outstanding Executive  
**Cecilia Padilla**  
On Center Software, Inc.

Outstanding Professional  
**Amanda Castro**  
Phillips/May Corporation

Letty Coleman  
Rogers O'Brien Construction

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Margarita Moreno**  
Trinity Infrastructure, LLC

## 2014 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**Bradley Douglas Construction Services, LLC**  
Sharon Douglas

Established Service Firm  
**OCG PR**  
Tonya Veasey

Rising Star Firm  
**Hilda Rodriguez Architecture Planning Interiors, LLC**  
Hilda Rodriguez

Business Advocate  
**Kamecia Lambert**  
Balfour Beatty Construction

Outstanding Executive  
**Terri L. Covert, P.E.**  
TDPM/TDIIndustries

Outstanding Professional  
**Dulce Maria Torres-Ruiz**  
HKS Inc

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Yolanda Coleman**  
Ferrovial Agroman/Bluebonnet Contractors, LLC

## 2015 Luna Awards Recipients

Established Construction Firm  
**Manning Concrete**  
Joanna Manning

Established Service Firm  
**All Janitorial Professional Services, Inc.**  
Evelyn Molina

Rising Star Firm  
**KLP Commercial**  
Nathali Parker

Business Advocate  
**Adrienne Williams**  
Pegasus Link Constructors, LLC

Outstanding Executive  
**Daphne Johnson**  
Hayden Consultants, Inc.

Outstanding Professional  
**Lisa Alonzo**  
City of Dallas

Outstanding Administrative Professional  
**Ayumi Anderson**  
Archer Western

