



Superwomen: breaking barriers & biases, balancing life & achieving success



Beverly Bailey, CEO, Stronghold Engineering, Inc.

As Founder, President, and CEO of Stronghold Engineering, Inc., Mrs. Beverly Bailey is directly responsible for all aspects of the corporation, with direct accountability to the company's bottom line. From the company's conception, Stronghold has performed exclusively government and public agency contracts as a woman-owned minority business. Currently, it ranks in the Top Ten of Minority/Women owned construction companies in the nation.

As a visionary of the company, Mrs. Bailey looks for relevant, strategic markets where Stronghold can utilize its outstanding performance to easily maneuver into profitable opportunity. Supported by diversified, strong team members, Stronghold continues its growth as an industry leader. Proof of this adorns the walls of Stronghold's corporate offices and reflects many years of construction excellence. In addition, Mrs. Bailey is actively involved in charitable and industry-related associations, receiving numerous accolades for her efforts.

Mrs. Bailey was recognized by Ernst & Young as Inland Empire's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000. That same year, the U.S. Small Business Administration elected her as the Minority Small Business Person of the Year for her contracting business, Stronghold Engineering, Inc., which has been ranked among the Top 500 Woman-Owned Companies by Working Woman and by Div2000 as a Top 100 Minority-Owned Firm. Mrs. Bailey was also the recipient of the 2013 Athena Award Recipient. This annual award, given by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce, identifies local professional women who have demonstrated significant achievements in business, community service, and the professional advancement of women.

A few top tips for success from Beverly:

- Figure out what you do best and delegate the rest
- Try and touch paper only once. Make a decision and move on.
- Happiness is a choice not an emotion
- Enjoy the journey-Remember to Breathe!



Amanda Bewley, Construction Manager, Knife River Corporation

Since completing her engineering degree at Oregon State University, Amanda has worked on multiple large infrastructure projects throughout the Western United States. She worked as a field engineer on one of the largest modern public infrastructure projects to design and build a new highway through Oregon's coastal mountain range, before moving on to an even larger design-build highway project in the state of Washington. Since coming to Knife River in 2011, Amanda's focus has been on managing railroad construction operations in the Western United States. She bids and manages all railroad related projects and has helped expand Knife River's railroad presence to nearly every western state. Amanda, her husband (Robert) and their 1-year old son (Barrett) live on a family farm in the Oregon Coast Range. When not at work, the Bewley's spend their free time managing their cattle operation, riding horses, hunting and fishing.



Maggie Vuono, National Sales Manager, Holland LP

Maggie Vuono is the National Sales Manager for Holland's Maintenance of Way Business Unit. She began her railway career fifteen years ago in the Rail Division for the LB Foster Company. Maggie has also held estimating and management positions at several railway supply and contracting companies. As National Sales Manager, she oversees sales of flash-butt and thermite welding services, as well as track testing and turnkey construction services for transits, shortlines and contractors in the US. She has a team of four Regional Sales Managers underneath her. Maggie is an experienced leader with a consistent, results-driven record of operational and project management. She is a powerful mediator with a proven ability to develop business, increase revenue and reduce costs without jeopardizing performance or quality. Maggie is also known for excellent communication and interpersonal skills, strong work ethic, self-motivation and dedication to customers. She is a member of the NRC, AREMA,

ASLRRA and LRIW. Maggie serves on AREMA Committee 5: Track, where she serves as Supplier Chairman. Maggie has a BA in Marketing and a MS in Business & Leadership.

A few top tips for success from Maggie:

- Be adaptable
- Its OK to be selfish, don't apologize for wanting a career
- Being a leader in this industry involves guts and tenacity, hustle and strength
- Trust yourself
- Stop comparing yourself
- Don't let others strengths intimidate you, learn how to work together and blend our strength with theirs
- Find a mentor
- Be a mentor