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Mid-States Concrete Industries celebrates Women in Construction Week by highlighting some of the women on our team making their mark in the construction industry.

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#### WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK

TARA LOOMIS, PE SENIOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

"I enjoy what I do here... Laying systems out, taking the challenges of flipping a post-tension system to a precast system, working with architects and engineers... trying to find the most economic precast option for our clients."



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**SARAH ROBKE, PE**PROJECT ENGINEER

"I enjoy the flexibility in design. You can put steel in different forms into the precast so you can make it stronger or more flexible depending on your needs... I like working with the general contractors to try and optimize our sections to the best of their abilities and make it a clean and easy project from start to finish."



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TRACY MILLER
SAFETY MANAGER

"I love that it is different every day, so I don't just come in and do data entry or whatever. There is always something going on."





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LUISANA GARCIA PROJECT DETAILER

"I like to be part of the life of a building project, seeing how it develops until it reaches the total construction of the building is poetry for me. I enjoy detailing these components because it is a fundamental part of the building, and I am passionate about knowing that I am doing my best to bring that building to reality."



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WENDY MENDIOLA
FIELD SCHEDULING MANAGER

"I love the challenge. I've adapted to the changes, so I do enjoy the challenge of handling it all "





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KRISTEN HEISER SENIOR PROJECT DESIGNER

"No two jobs are the same. It's always different. Even similar jobs are not similar... They all have different requirements."



#### **Precast Chalk Talk: Episode 30**



In this episode of Precast Chalk Talk, President Hagen Harker talks with representatives from Elematic, our hollowcore machinery partner.

#### Senior Living Projects Utilize Precast Foundation Walls, Find Saving: Part 1



When Ryan Companies and Grand Living partnered to create Grand Living at Tower Place in West Des Moines, Iowa, they knew schedule was important. So while Ryan Companies looked in to cast-in-place concrete for foundations, CMU blocks for the elevator shafts, and a precast concrete foundation system - it quickly became clear that precast was the way to go for the best schedule.

In addition to using precast concrete for the foundation and elevator shafts, precast concrete beams, columns, and hollowcore were also used for the underground garage. Precast

components included 20,547 square feet of hollowcore, 51 beams, 26 columns, 85 wall panels, and 1,730 square feet of solid slabs.

Project Manager Ryan Pigneri said his team found several benefits using precast foundation walls, including "schedule and money savings, as it goes up at a faster rate than CIP."

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