

Atlas Engineering Group Ltd.

Natalia Homedi, President



Natalia Homedi grew up in a family of engineers. And, despite the fact that there were not many women in the industry back in the late 1980s, Natalia decided to become an engineer.

In 2007, after working as an engineer in both the public and private sectors, Natalia decided to branch out on her own to form Atlas Engineering

Group Ltd., a certified disadvantaged business enterprise and woman-owned firm.

Natalia's first step was to overcome the challenge of getting prime consultants to include her firm as part of their project team. Her goal was to break into the industry, get the work, build a strong reputation and make her company an attractive business partner for

prime contractors.

Her strategy worked. As part of *Move Illinois*, Atlas Engineering Group was recently awarded a contract for design work on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) corridor as part of a joint venture partnership and will also provide construction management services on the I-90/Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project. These projects are enabling Natalia to grow her current employee base by 40 percent.

*"We anticipate **Move Illinois** will continue to provide much-needed opportunities to work on various construction projects that will strengthen our state's foundation and, ultimately, fuel our state's economic recovery."*



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