Minneapolis / Event for women in construction set

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Construction may be a male-dominated industry, but contractors on public projects are required to make a good-faith effort to hire a certain percentage of women. Still, finding female workers with the right skills is sometimes difficult. On Tuesday, Summit Academy OIC, a Minneapolis-based vocational center focused on readying more women and minorities for the construction trades, will host a free open house for women. Attendees will hear from women who work in the field and from contracting firms. The "Women Wear Hard Hats Too" event will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Summit Academy OIC, 935 Olson Memorial Highway, Minneapolis. For more information, call 612-377-0150 or go to saoic.org.

- Frederick Melo