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2024 Honor Recipient



Omarys Vasquez, AIA NOMA

State Building Inspector, Division of Regulatory Compliance, State of Connecticut

With a passion for building codes and safety, Omarys Vasquez collaborates on code development, provides interpretations, oversees permitting, and ensures compliance through inspections. She also supports licensure and continuing education for building officials in partnership with the Office of Education and Data Management.

As both a learner and mentor, she enjoys helping others navigate complex code requirements, fostering collaboration and shared understanding. Passionate about contributing to the future of Connecticut's built environment, Omarys is committed to ensuring that the state's building codes remain relevant, responsive, and aligned with the needs of its communities.

Beyond her professional role, Omarys is committed to promoting equity and diversity in the design and construction fields. She is a founding member of the Connecticut chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAct) and a former committee member of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Knowledge Community for the American Institute of Architects Connecticut. Additionally, she serves on the University of Hartford's Architecture Advisory Board.

Omarys earned her Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Recognized for her leadership, she was named to Connecticut Magazine's "40 Under 40" list in 2022.

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