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## Tools, Tips & Trends for Electrical & Datacom Professionals

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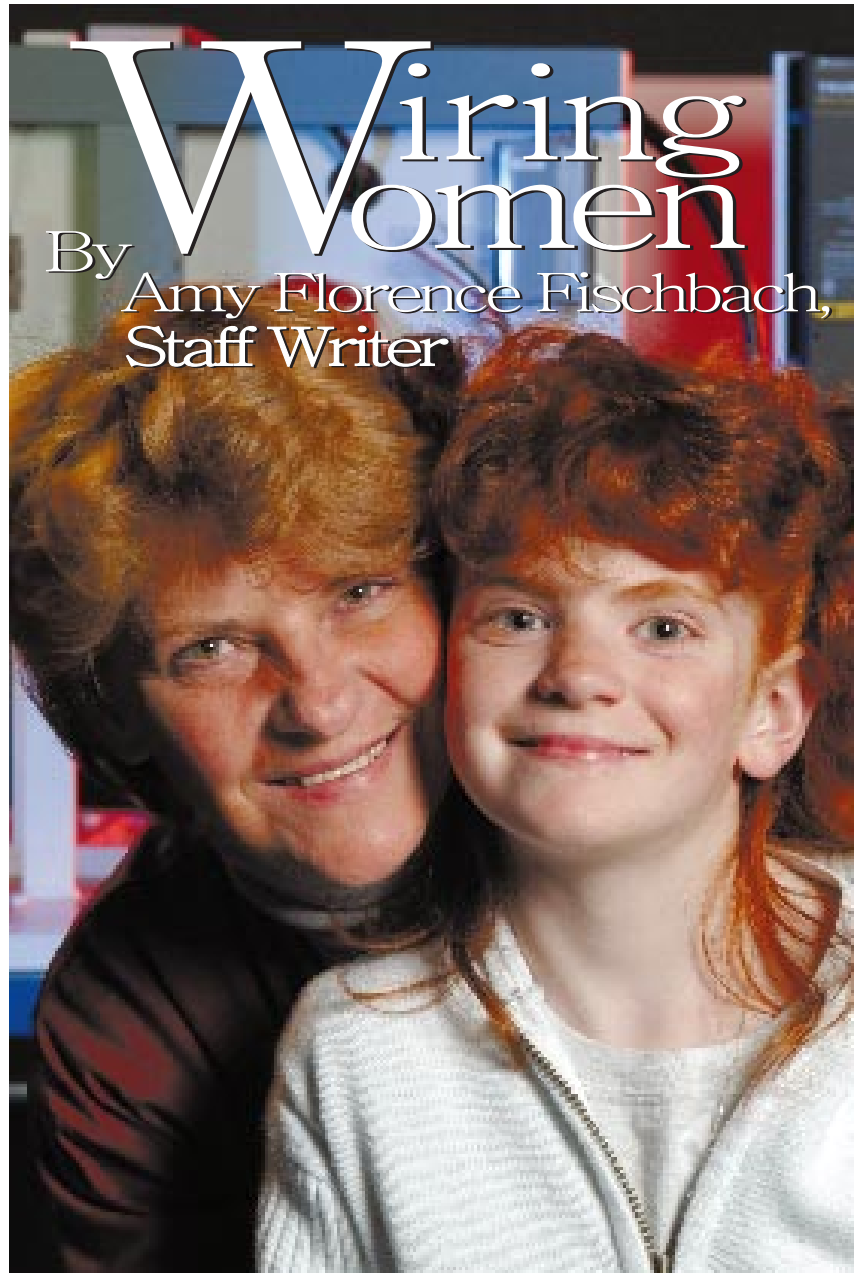
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- **Closed-circuit TV equipment**  
*The fourth part of a series designed to help meet state license renewal requirements.*

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June 17-19, 2002  
Jacob Javits Convention Center  
New York, N.Y.



Monda Mathis, a journeyman electrician and owner of DMS Services Inc., has already started to teach her 9-year-old daughter, Sarah, about electricity.

### THE SCOOP

**T**imes have changed since the days when only a few women ventured into male-dominated fields such as engineering, medicine and construction. These days the door to most professions remains open to women—even if the ceiling is still made of glass. That’s why it’s surprising that more women don’t study electrical construction, a field characterized by a skilled-labor shortage and endless opportunity.

“I feel like if they have the opportunity to get a good education and get into this field, they can be a tremendous asset to the electrical industry,” said Monda Mathis, a journeyman electrician who owns her own business, DMS Services Inc. in Fort Gaines, Ga.

Mathis said educating women about careers in electrical construction can help alleviate the severe skilled labor shortage in the construction industry.

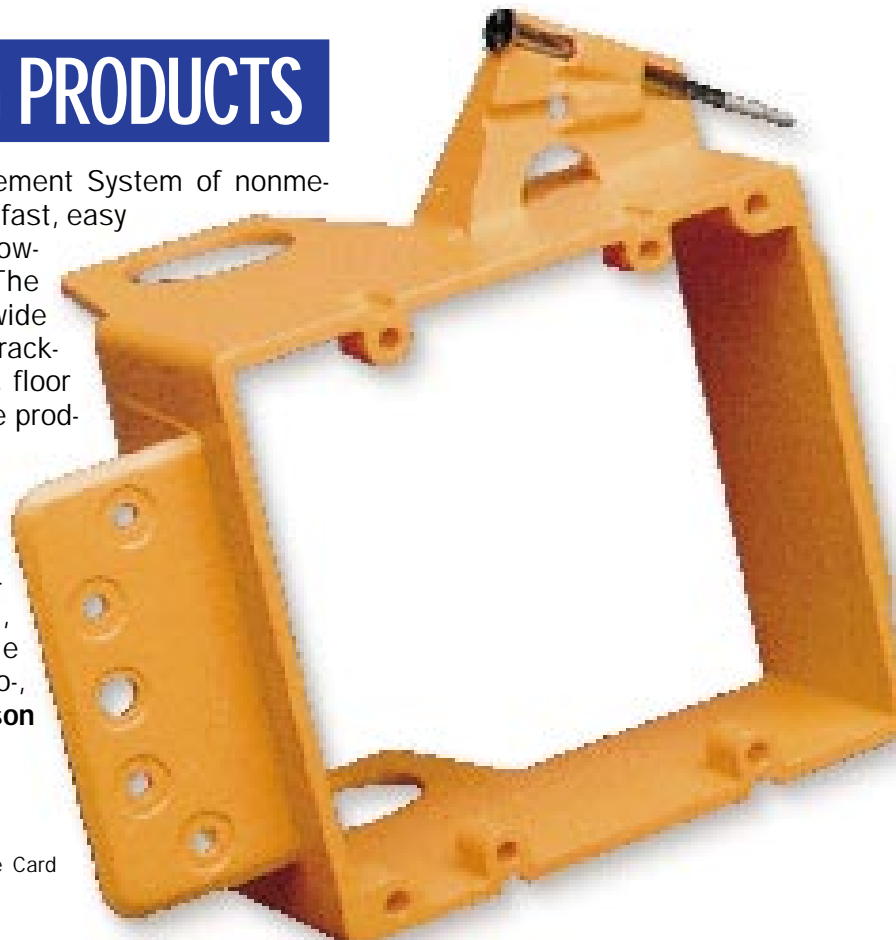
“I want them to understand that this field is open right now,” she said. “When the guys with all the experience retire, that knowledge is going to go with them. We have to get the young people involved and get them trained. I think it will help tremendously with the labor shortage.”

This cover story profiles three women in the electrical industry: Mathis, Master Electrician Veronica Rose and Journeyman Electrician Barbara Adams. The article begins on page 12.

## STRUCTURED WIRING PRODUCTS



The Structured Cable Management System of nonmetallic products is designed for fast, easy installation of residential low-voltage structured wiring. The suite of products offers a wide array of nonmetallic cabling brackets and boxes, flexible raceway, floor boxes, fittings and accessories. The products are designed to change the way the installing contractor approaches low-voltage work by providing products that are fast and easy to install, and to lower overall structured cable installed cost. The products include a dual-voltage box/bracket, adjustable low-voltage brackets, flexible raceway and fittings and a divider for two-, three- and four-gang boxes. **Carlson, Lamson & Sessions**



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