Ms. Alvarado formed her own construction company in 1976 at a time when it was unprecedented for women and minorities to provide leadership in this field. She also made history as the first Hispanic (male or female) co-owner as one of the owners of a major league baseball franchise, the Colorado Rockies.

Ms. Alvarado is recognized as a trailblazer in her field and has received numerous awards, including the Horatio Alger Award, the National Women’s Economic Alliance Director’s Choice Award, and the Sara Lee Frontrunner Award. She has been named the Revlon Business Woman of the Year as well as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in America and is a National Women’s Hall of Fame inductee.

Ms. Alvarado has served on the White House Commission for Excellence in Hispanic Education. She serves on the board of directors of Pitney Bowes.