

JACK MILLER CONTRACTORS Hires Multiple Positions In Response to Building Industry Growth

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS. (September 20, 2022) – *Jack Miller Contractors* is pleased to welcome several new team members to support additional services in their organization – Nikolaos Tombras as director of preconstruction services and Zachary Hettinger as assistant project manager. Also hired over this past year are superintendent Albert Aponte, assistant superintendent Dan Pratt, and Zenon Libowicz, estimator. Joel Kinney who has been with the company for three years, was promoted to superintendent. *Jack Miller Contractors* currently employs 22 professionals in the community.

Nikolaos Tombras joined *Jack Miller Contractors* as director of preconstruction services and brings with him architectural design and project management experience on cultural, institutional, commercial and residential projects through all phases of planning, design and construction. Prior to joining the team, Nikolaos worked for architecture firms in Pittsfield, Mass., New Haven, Conn., and Washington, DC. Completed projects include custom single-family residences and award-winning comprehensive refurbishment of the Yale Center for British Art and the restoration and transformation of an 18th Century residence, library and gallery into a collaborative center for scholarly study at Yale University's Lewis Walpole Library. Nikolaos earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is a LEED Accredited Professional.

Zachary Hettinger comes to *JMC* as assistant project manager with experience in government agency and food service construction project management as well as project engineering for commercial healthcare. In Illinois and Michigan, he managed construction milestones for the Chicago Parks District's 200+ playgrounds, provided progress, budget and planning oversight for a full-service design-build firm, and managed interdepartmental coordination of operations, marketing, design and merchandising for a regional grocery store chain. A graduate of the University of Kansas with a BA in architecture, Zach's skills include financial and risk management and a wide range of design, management and construction software knowledge.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, superintendent Albert Aponte grew up in the glass business and owned a successful glass and construction service company for eight years. After many years living and working across Puerto Rico and the US including Texas, Virginia, Wyoming and Colorado, he gained considerable experience in the construction industry. Among many exciting projects, he worked on the bobsled run Olympic facility in Lake Placid, N.Y., and the Goldman Sachs Ayco building in Latham, N.Y. Albert attended a military academy as well as the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico.

A native of Adams, Mass., Dan Pratt started honing his skills in carpentry in a pre-vocational program during high school. He worked in the construction industry as a general laborer and carpenter for several years while attending Berkshire Community College. His experience as lead carpenter for a framing crew and a commercial contractor led to a position as a construction supervisor for a few chain restaurants. In 2012, Dan set

his career in construction aside to start a nine-year carpentry position at Bennington College. Seeking a construction firm with an emphasis on quality, relationships, personnel growth and development, he found and joined *Jack Miller Contractors*. He lives in Bennington, Vt.

With an almost 50-year career in architecture and construction, Zenon Libowicz has worked in various architecture and design-build firms as field coordinator, design project manager and consultant. He comes to *JMC* after 20 years in Maryland working in sales and estimating with C.A. Lindman. Zenon holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the Pratt Institute and lives in Shaftsbury, Vt.

Jack Miller Contractors has current openings for superintendent, carpenter and apprentice carpenter. To learn more, visit jackmillercontractors.com or call 413.884.6124 or 802.440.8144.

About Jack Miller Contractors

Jack Miller Contractors is a full-service general contractor building distinctive new homes and large-scale remodel projects in the Berkshires, Southern Vermont and Eastern upstate New York. Their in-house team of skilled carpenters, superintendents and project managers works closely with clients, architects and trade contractors to build beautiful, durable and efficient homes in a collaborative environment.

In 2019, *Jack Miller Contractors* was inducted into award-winning *REMODELING* magazine's Big50. Showcasing companies of various sizes that have taken the lead in raising industry standards, the *REMODELING* Big50 inducts 50 remodeling companies that have set exceptionally high standards for professionalism and integrity through exemplary business practices, craftsmanship and impact in their community or the industry at large.

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