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e are builders at heart, but we construct far more than the commercial projects we're known for," says Greg Janey, founder, president, and CEO of Janey Construction Management (JCM), Boston's premier commercial and residential construction management and consulting firm. "My company is a vehicle for building people, the industry, community, and—above all—a brighter future for youth."

Most recognized for high-profile projects like the Dearborn STEM Academy, the Commonwealth Pier revitalization, and the new 1,000-key Omni Hotel Seaport—which features two 21-story towers connected by a three-story ground-floor podium and sits on a 2.1-acre parcel directly across from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center—JCM works with a diverse portfolio of public and private sector clients to exceed expectations.



Since 1984, JCM has been utilizing new delivery methods, cutting-edge technology, unprecedented safety, and leading sustainability to advocate for industry-changing best practices. With the Omni Hotel Seaport project, for example, JCM became the first Black-owned general contractor in Boston to have a major downtown project partnership, creating a template for future projects to be race-neutral.

"Construction is more than installing materials in accordance with plans; it's about creating

opportunity," explains Janey. "We take a future-focused, people-first approach that makes us an unparalleled employer, construction partner, and community advocate. We use our nearly four decades of experience in general contracting and project management to provide the dual insight needed to maximize value and quality from creation to completion."

## **The Foundation**

"Everything we do is driven by the three pillars on which we stand: education, industry, and advocacy," Janey says. "We practice, preach, and teach our three pillars because they are the foundation of everything we do. These pillars allow us to work in solidarity with our industry and community to build a future where everyone has a chance to achieve their dreams."

Janey explains that since grit, integrity, and education helped him create one of the largest Black-owned firms in the region and one of the most respected building partners in New England, he feels a personal responsibility to give back.

To that end, Janey consciously cultivates a learning and teaching culture at JCM. "We believe breakthrough ideas rise from diverse collaborators," he explains. "We give each individual a wide array of exposure and experiences, enabling them to grow farther and faster than anywhere else."

Janey also created "Building Bridges," a groundbreaking initiative to bring STEM education to underserved youth in Boston and beyond. In the Dearborn STEM Academy, JCM was a partner in building the first Massachusetts public school in an urban community to focus on science and technology, and JCM employees contribute thousands of volunteer hours per year in mentoring underrepresented youth in STEM programs. "Building Bridges" expansion plans include a stateof-the-art facility for makers and doers, a pipeline for early STEM learning, and global development of mentorship activities.

"There is nothing more exciting than giving minority kids a path and a passion through education," Janey says. "My career has been nontraditional, so I see myself as a steward of opportunity; I want others to know anything is possible with a vision, drive, and determination."

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