MJ Daly Celebrates 140 Years in Business

Longevity in business is rare. According to Harvard Business Review, the average lifespan of businesses has fallen by 80% in the last 80 years (from 67 to 15 years). With this in mind, the staying power of MJ Daly is that much more impressive. This year, MJ Daly, LLC of Waterbury, Conn. is celebrating 140 years of providing mechanical contracting services to commercial and industrial buildings across New England.

MJ Daly’s history starts with Michael Joseph Daly in 1882. It was then that he moved to Waterbury to make pipe and supply deliveries using horse-drawn trailers. The firm grew rapidly to eventually serve all of Connecticut and parts of New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Robert M. Bolton, CEO of Arden Building Companies, LLC, acquired MJ Daly in 2006. Today, MJ Daly is helmed by President Edward Carvalho.

What do leaders of the organization attribute to their longevity? One of their key values is the importance of looking ahead and adjusting to changing requirements. According to a Harvard Business Review study, adjusting to the needs of the future is a key to establishing staying power in business.

“We’ve maintained 140 years in business, and we plan to go another 140 years,” said Carvalho. “By always looking ahead we’re sure to have the right solution for our customers, and we are always operating on the cutting edge.”

MJ Daly’s engineering capabilities are also impressive. They include system design, construction administration, and sprinkler system inspections and testing, among others. Their state-of-the-art 3D modeling and BIM capabilities provide a clash-free design model along with bid documents that address specific project needs. And their design-build capabilities help maximize productivity and remove the uncertainties that can be prevalent in traditional build environments.

All of these capabilities would not be possible without the right workers and resources. MJ Daly is focused on delivering the highest quality workmanship and materials, and implementing new technologies, equipment, processes and techniques. With this approach, MJ Daly is assured to be around for another 140 years.

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