

Joe Rettman Profile



Metro Housing | Boston is very pleased to honor Joe Rettman with the 2021 Champions of Housing Champions Award. Joe is President of NEI General Contracting.

As the grandson of a City of Boston road and sidewalk contractor and the son of a general contractor, Joe's path to construction success was quite literally set in stone from an early age.

In 2003, Joe was approached by his longtime friend, Kevin Fish of Northeast Interiors, to join forces and build a full-service construction company. Together, they launched NEI General Contracting.

Joe is not one to shy away from a problem and customers know they can count on NEI to find a solution. It's why NEI has tackled projects like the Lawrence Mills Renovation or the Atlas Lofts: where others see roadblocks, NEI sees possibility.

As a direct result of NEI's unwavering commitment and leadership to restoring historic properties, NEI was awarded the 2014 Preservation Massachusetts Paul Tsongas Award for Construction Planning in addition to twelve other preservation awards for its work in the New England community.

As President, Joe strategically balances leading his team of 160 employees with commanding knowledge and tireless attention to detail on every project. His unstoppable drive and perseverance can be found in every aspect of the process to ensure successful project completion. As a testament to his leadership, NEI has retained 100% of their clients.

Joe's involvement and support of many local charities and organizations speak to his goal of not only providing a useful and revitalized building, but a restored community presence as well. He serves on the board for several nonprofits including Affordable Housing and Services Collaborative, Young Warriors, Metro Housing | Boston, TND Connect, and WORC2 Lab, which was founded by NEI.