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EnviroVantage, founded by Knightly, is celebrating 30 years of service to the environmental abatement industry

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While the New England Real Estate Journal celebrates its 50th, EnviroVantage is celebrating its 30th.

Similar to NEREJ's leadership in delivering relevant industry insight via the printed word, EnviroVantage owner/president Scott Knightly is a pioneer in the abatement industry. While attending the University of New Hampshire, working out of his dorm room, Knightly started doing what he loved most; restoring old homes and historic buildings in New Hampshire. The largest challenge that he faced while bringing these homes back to life was lead paint and at the time, there were no state or federal guidelines in place governing its safe removal.

After graduating from UNH's Whittemore School of Business & Economics, Knightly recognized the tremendous need for inspection and abatement which led him to form his first company, Lead Source. Lead Source grew quickly and soon was the benchmark for lead abatement in the New Hampshire, becoming the first licensed lead abatement contractor in the state. Knightly's company expanded to undertake the challenge of removing other contaminants found in buildings, including asbestos, mold, PCB's and mercury.

Using the knowledge from the processes and practices of his groundbreaking work as the state's first private lead contractor, Knightly was instrumental in writing the policies and procedures that were adopted as state regulations in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. Lead Source evolved into EnviroVantage which today is a regional leader in environmental clean-up and historic restoration.

In addition to celebrating the 30th anniversary of the company's founding, this year will also mark the 1-year anniversary for their newest office in Westbrook, ME. Examples of EnviroVantage's work can be found in many well-known New England buildings including the historic North Church in Boston, Harvard University, Loring Air Force Base, the TJ McIntyre Federal Building in Portsmouth, Phillips Exeter Academy, the Exeter Inn, Manchester, N.H. Housing & Redevelopment, Waterville Valley, HUD, Landmark College, The New Hampshire Institute of Art, Southwest Harbor Coast Guard Station and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Knightly is actively involved in the industry and has assumed many prominent roles. He is a former president of the Associated Builders and Contractors NH/VT chapter, a member of the State of New Hampshire Asbestos Advisory Board, and the State of New Hampshire Lead Advisory Board. He also sits on the board of directors for the National Demolition Association.

Whether it's preserving the integrity of a cherished landmark, demolishing entire structures/selective sections, or removing numerous hazardous materials from all different types of buildings, EnviroVantage has met every challenge and deadline, set new standards for worker and public safety, and provided leadership that is unparalleled in the environmental construction industry.

EnviroVantage is a fully licensed, full service Commercial and Residential Environmental and Specialty Services Contractor who is a two time winner of Business of the Year. As New England's most trusted Environmental Contractor, they provide innovative strategies, exceptional performance and superior customer for services such as the removal of lead paint, asbestos and mold, H1N1 decontamination, demolition, disaster recovery, surface preparation and cleaning plus historic restoration and environmental clean-up. EnviroVantage utilizes cutting edge technology to reduce time and save money while maximizing the recycling of raw materials.

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