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NEI General Contracting promotes Calder and Bellows to project executive

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Ken Calder

James Bellows

Boston, MA NEI General Contracting has promoted Ken Calder to project executive in its Boston-area office and James Bellows to project executive in its Winter Garden, FL office. Calder served NEI as a senior superintendent for many years before transitioning to the company's project management team, while Bellows has been with NEI since 2020 when he joined the company as a project manager.

This latest promotion recognizes Calder's ability to connect and mentor team members in both the field and office environments. He is respected as a leader with a deep interest in developing next-generation talent, making his promotion to project executive a natural evolution in his own ten-year career with NEI. He has worked on numerous projects across the Boston area and northern suburbs. Notable projects include both complex renovations and new, out-of-the-ground multi-family housing developments.

Since joining NEI, Calder has overseen projects including the Bancroft and Dixwell Apartments renovations, a scattered site project in Roxbury and Jamaica Plain; Morton Station Village, an affordable housing development in Mattapan; and the 733 Broadway St. Development in Lowell, a brand-new, 52-unit apartment complex. Calder completed his undergraduate degree at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, and resides in Milton, Mass., with his wife and children.

"NEI has afforded me tremendous growth opportunities in both personal development and the type

of projects we build for clients throughout Massachusetts,” said Calder. “As someone who has worked in the field for years, I am eager to bring my client-facing perspective to the project management team to help deliver the best customer service experience possible.”

A born-and-raised Floridian, Bellows has built his reputation on providing detailed strategies for managing complex multi-phased residential projects. He has most recently been involved with several mod rehab projects including Jernigan Gardens in Orlando, a housing complex consisting of 28 residential buildings and 256 affordable apartments, as well as Cordoba Courts, a phased renovation of a 175-unit affordable housing complex in Opa-locka, and Gardens of Homestead, an occupied affordable housing renovation in Homestead. Prior to joining NEI, Bellows worked as a construction project manager for the Walt Disney Company as well as other large general contractors, from Miami to Jacksonville. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Florida and is a LEED® accredited professional, and currently resides in Orlando with his family.

Bellows has honed his expertise in navigating the logistics of working within occupied spaces, particularly in affordable housing communities where residents may have limited alternatives for accommodation during renovations. He prioritizes meeting aggressive timelines while minimizing disruption to the community, especially to its older adult residents.

“NEI has a great reputation for making meaningful strides in addressing fundamental challenges through innovative and sustainable market-based solutions,” said Bellows. “I’m proud to be able to contribute to the restoration of affordable housing in Florida.”