

Hughes News



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From Humble Beginnings: Celebrating 40 Years at JHC



JHC President Joe Hughes, left, and VP Tom Rue celebrate the company's 40th anniversary.

On April 26, 1981, I started building fences and decks as Joseph Hughes Construction (JHC). Forty years have passed and I can honestly say I've never had a boring day! I've had challenging days I wouldn't want to repeat, but I certainly wasn't bored!

This year, JHC is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Where does the time go? We have weathered several recessions—some national and some self-created—and we've managed to survive and generally thrive. Along the way, with the help of countless friends, customers, teammates, consultants, subcontractors, and suppliers, we've managed to successfully construct more than 300 buildings and more than 3,000 improvement projects of all types to existing buildings. We are honored to have been building space for business for 40 years!

In addition to celebrating our 40th anniversary, we recently broke ground on our latest industrial project, the Ramsey Building in North Portland. Amazingly, the owners of the Ramsey Building are the same clients for whom JHC built our first commercial job in 1981, a 1,300-square-foot tenant improvement project. We're incredibly grateful for our long-lasting client relationships.

With gratitude, I look back on the past and am thankful for everyone who has contributed to our success, and I'm just as excited about our bright future!



Recently Completed Projects

The Center for Equity and Inclusion

The Center for Equity and Inclusion is a Portland-based non-profit bringing sustainable change to work environments through consulting services. CIDA Architects partnered with JHC on this design-build adaptive reuse project. The 7,500-square-foot building was completely gutted to enable a full seismic upgrade, the reconfiguration of all three floors, an elevator retrofit, new stairwells, extensive rot repairs, and new MEP systems.

Rotary Youth Center at Morrison

The Rotary Youth Center at Morrison provides a wide variety of mental health, substance abuse, and foster care services for more than 8,200 children and families each year. This new facility gives youth, families, and therapists a year-round space to gather for treatment, training, physical education, recreation, and group meetings. JHC partnered with EMA Architecture, LLC and Morrison Child and Family Services to benefit the children and families of the organization for generations to come.

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Pacific Plaza

Pacific Plaza is a 13,300-square-foot retail center in Portland on the corner of SE 82nd and Division Street. Designed by Scott | Edwards Architecture, the JHC team completed this project in December 2020. Building highlights include large exterior and interior storefronts, a shared central corridor, and multiple entries for tenants and shoppers. Amenities include on-site parking, high visibility, flexible tenant spaces, outdoor seating and is close to public transit and freeways.



For Mrs. Noble

Built by a woman named Mrs. Noble, this 5,500-square-foot historical building was originally constructed in 1928. The adaptive reuse of this space serves as a catalyst for the preservation and redevelopment of the neighborhood. Converted from a printing business and apartment building, the space is now home to a café with professional offices on the second floor. EMA Architecture provided the design and engineering. The façade was restored, interior spaces refreshed, and complete building system upgrades were completed.



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Just What DO We Do?

JHC has been providing general contractor services to the greater Northwest since 1981. Our goal is to complete all of our building projects with attention to quality, detail, and sustainability to ensure that each client is left with a desirable and captivating outcome. We provide a professional, high-quality, business experience for each client through our commitment to teamwork and honorable values. This ensures the integrity, reputation, and success of your organization and ours.

Pre-Construction Planning

Our pre-construction planning services include feasibility studies and pro-forma; job site and building analysis; needs assessment; design concepts; conceptual estimates; value engineering; logistics; and scheduling.

Project Management

As your project manager, we can complete pre-construction

design and cost management; constructability review; budget review and management; pre-qualify subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors; obtain multiple competitive subcontractor bids; detailed scheduling; and management of costs throughout the process.

Integrated Project Delivery

Our integrated project delivery services will allow you to have the design and construction for your project under one contract; a single point of contact and responsibility; address design and cost alternatives; save time and money through collaboration; and value, quality, and timing for best results.

Post-Construction

Our post-construction services include warranty; a constructability review; maintenance; repairs; and remodels.