

This edition of Contractor Corner features J. B. Henderson, a quality-driven general and mechanical contracting firm headquartered in New Mexico that opened a Chandler office in 2009. The firm appreciates its partnership with the Arizona Pipe Trades 469.



JBH delivers tradition of excellence

Jack B. Henderson Construction (JBH) began in 1959 as the dream of its namesake founder. The son of a carpenter, Jack had just returned home to Clovis, N.M. after serving his country in the armed forces.

The company has grown during the past 52 years from a small, two-man architectural services firm to a large general and mechanical contracting company with an international presence.



IBH Clean Room

In 2009, JBH
opened a Chandler
office to serve a
local
microelectronics
manufacturer. Its
headquarters
remains in
Albuquerque, N.M.
The company

ranks among the top in its field, and has even been

named as one of New Mexico's "Best Places to Work" by New Mexico Business Weekly. Industry magazines have also recognized JBH's work as both high quality and safe.

Throughout its expansion, **JBH has** maintained its commitment to family values. Jack B. Henderson's son, Mark G. Henderson, today runs the company, working as president and chief executive officer.

Mark is an experienced plumber/pipefitter, educated through Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 412 in Albuquerque. Since taking leadership in 1991, Mark has grown the company to include **five offices in three states**: Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. The company has also completed projects in Costa Rica, North Carolina and Utah.

JBH has surpassed the expectations of customers with complicated needs, including the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, universities, hospitals and microelectronics manufacturers.

Early struggle leads to success

During the business' early days, Jack worked hard to run the fledgling company. He persevered through slow periods when it sometimes seemed as if the company would never contract with another client.

Eventually, JBH developed a key partnership with the Atomic Energy Commission, now Sandia National Laboratories. The partnership would help the company grow and secure its reputation as one of the best in the field.

The company continued its pace until 1967, when turmoil in the local mechanical contracting community spurred an expansion. Companies were striking, and refused to provide Jack a mechanical bid for a project until they settled the dispute.

Jack refused to leave his customers waiting and instead added a mechanical contracting services division to JBH. He added several new employees to support the expansion, including his brother-in-law, Leland Stroud, and Stroud's son, John Stroud Sr. To solidify their mechanical capabilities, JBH added a sheet metal shop the same year.

Soon, JBH embarked on **groundbreaking work**, including helping to develop the first clean room and also computer chips capable of surviving nuclear exposure.

In 1993, the company underwent another expansion, adding a pipe fabrication facility for manufacturing black iron, stainless steel and other materials. In 1995, the company built its own clean room.

JBH is proud to be the contractor of choice for tough jobs. Throughout its history, JBH has demonstrated its capacity for successfully completing jobs that made others squirm, such as an acid line removal project on the Fourth of July.

Today, the company ranks among New Mexico's largest general and mechanical contractors, while executing up to 85 percent of its contracts with in-house staff and working with quality subcontractors for additional project support.

Areas of expertise

JBH has the capacity to perform architectural and mechanical work, construct clean rooms, supply pipe and sheet metal fabrications, and provide design/build and design/assist services.

JBH is experienced in process pipe, HVAC, ultra high purity pipe and PVDF installations. The company can successfully manage resources for process upgrades including base build, tool install, CUB upgrade and waste distribution scopes.

In addition to the company's technical experience, JBH has an **award-winning safety program** recognized at a national and local level. The company also has a documented quality management program described as "world-class" that has successfully passed numerous external audits conducted by its most demanding customers.

JBH has the expertise, resources and commitment to execute any project safely, within budget, on schedule and to the most demanding quality standards.

Partnership key to success

JBH's Arizona operations strongly benefit from its relationship with Local 469, which ensures that the company provides its customers with the most experienced personnel in the industry. JBH currently employs 125 Local 469 workers,



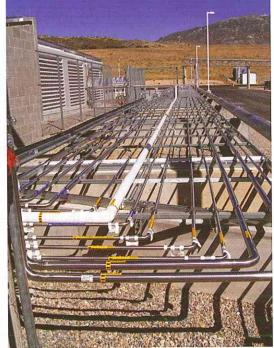
JBH job trailer in Chandler

"We have worked all

and is grateful for the quality work they complete.

over the southwest and other parts of the world in our 50-plus years in business, and have found the craftsman from Local 469 to be true professionals," said JBH President and CEO Mark Henderson.

"Hats off to the craft and their management for practicing what they preach! We look forward to a long and lasting relationship in the years to come," he added.



Process Piping-Microelectronics Facility

JBH is committed to achieving the highest level of quality and performance, earning a reputation as the supplier of choice, and building the future of families through jobs, training and community involvements. The company intends to continue its presence in Arizona and grow operations with the support of 469's talented and professional workforce.

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