



New Board Member Sees Opportunities Ahead for Linemen

When MJ Electric in Iron Mountain, Michigan, needs linemen to meet the demands of utilities across the country, they know exactly where to find them — Missouri Valley Line Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program. “I see the apprenticeship program as a valuable tool for us as well as the future of our industry,” comments MJ Electric Senior Vice President/Utilities Division Tom Nagy.

Today, MJ Electric employs more than 100 apprentices from the Missouri Valley program. “We have been very satisfied with the training they receive,” comments Tom. “Especially their knowledge of safety rules and their commitment to doing things right in the field.”

As a recent Missouri Valley board member, Tom is excited to watch the program evolve to meet the growing need for qualified electrical construction workers. “Although we’re moving forward with new programs and expanded facilities, we continue to focus on developing skills and emphasizing safety. These are the two most important things that will help these young linemen succeed.” Being an apprentice was an important part of Tom’s success as well.

Tom got his first taste of the electrical construction business sweeping floors at MJ Electric when he was a teenager. After attending Western Michigan University as a business major, he decided to return to MJ Electric as an apprentice. In 1984, he finished the apprenticeship program and spent the next 16 years working for MJ Electric’s industrial division. For the past 14 years, he has worked closely with MJ’s utility customers.

As a youngster, Tom was intrigued by the industry. “At that time, and still today, I feel this is a great industry to earn a living, and I am proud to support the apprenticeship program by helping the next generation of electrical construction workers take advantage of the opportunities that await them.” From Tom’s perspective as someone who is working with utilities around the country, with great training and a commitment to safety, those opportunities are limitless.

More About The Missouri Valley Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program:

The apprenticeship program based in Indianola, Iowa, is one of seven locations operated by the organization. The others are in the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Iowa program occupies a training facility, which includes an outdoor pole yard. The Iowa program trains thousands of apprentice linemen each year.

For additional information, or to schedule a visit to our training facilities, contact

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