

Building a Solid Reputation in the Rogue Valley and Beyond



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“Our biggest success is that we have repeat clients—we leave projects with people who are happy. If we were to finish a project without that satisfaction, we’d miss out on a relationship with that client,” says Allen Purdy, President of S&B James.



A telehandler at an S&B James Construction worksite

Founded by brothers Sam and Bill James, S&B James Construction originally had roots in the lumber industry. As the local economy changed, Sam and Bill brought in new partners, Rob Hernandez and Tom Hall, who took S&B James to the next level of construction by making relationships in the healthcare industry. When Rob began a (successful) battle against cancer in 2012, Allen Purdy and Terri Mackey took on leadership and are still at the forefront of the company. In 2018, the company also expanded into Sacramento—where S&B James has taken on many projects in the time since. Having two different offices was a change for the company, but one that has paid off.

Of course, the construction industry has changed as well. Today, companies are embracing the responsibility of making construction sites safer places for their employees. Technological advances are making their way into projects as well, ranging from scanning devices that show exactly where wires and pipes are located, to innovations with cross-laminated timber, which help reduce the environmental footprint of new construction projects.

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As mentioned before, there are positions for everyone in construction: from payroll and finance, to journeymen and apprentices, to civil and structural engineers, to project management professionals—and more. S&B James is a company that also encourages young women to search for careers in the construction industry. “It’s not just about who’s the strongest. There may be physical work involved, but a project takes a lot of brainpower too.”

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