

Brentwood man leads American Constructors forward, following late CEO's mission

Nashville-based American Constructors' Board of Directors gave an immediate nod to Brentwood resident Dan Brodbeck to succeed the late Ed Rodgers Jr. who died unexpectedly in March 2006 of an apparent heart attack.

Since taking the helm, Brodbeck, who currently serves as president and chief executive officer, has promoted 13 individuals, both within the office and in the field, and has booked over \$50 million in new contracts, according to Joe M. Rodgers, chairman of the Board.

"We immediately followed the succession plan Ed Rodgers had in place; we named Dan to take the top spot in accordance with the vision Ed had for the future of the company. Just months into Dan's leadership, we are even more confident than ever in Ed's foresight and Dan's expertise," said Joe M. Rodgers.

Prior to Ed Rodgers' sudden

death, Brodbeck had served as executive vice president with the privately held construction company. He has been with the organization for more than 11 years.

"I was honored to be tapped to attempt to replace Ed; they're big shoes to fill. He had devoted more than a quarter century to this company and the clients we serve. I learned much from him, and I well know what he wanted was for American Constructors to continue to thrive," said Brodbeck who has been in the construction arena for more than 30 years.

Since the 61-year-old Rodgers' death, the Nashville based construction company has been awarded new projects which include the Wings of Liberty Military Museum in Clarksville, a \$20 million contract; ClearView Baptist Church in Franklin, a \$6.5 million contract; Spring Hill Elementary School in Spring

Hill, a \$12 million project; and Nolensville Elementary School in Nolensville, another \$12 million contract.

"Ed led by example, and we are committed to continuing doing business under his tenets: deliver on every commitment, treat all with fairness and simply do the right thing. All that is not rocket science but it is extremely important to the way we operate," said Brodbeck.

The high-profile company is known for projects such as the new \$120 million Schermerhorn Center, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and a myriad of libraries, schools, churches and retirement facilities across the Southeast.

"Ironically, this company was founded more than 25 years ago with the idea of developing The Gulch which today has become a vibrant segment of this city. Founders Ed Rodgers, Joe M. Rodgers, Jack C. Massey Jr., Ted

Welch and Jim Hawk were visionaries and well ahead of their time. Though The Gulch project faltered at the time, the company dug its roots into Maryland Farms in Brentwood and began to establish its reputation for excellence," said Brodbeck.

One thing that will not change is the commitment to the mission statement that was developed by Ed Rodgers, Brodbeck said.

"We want to be the builder of choice with a reputation for meeting and exceeding client needs and expectations in quality, cost, schedule and safety. We will accomplish this by being client driven and service-oriented with dedicated employees who place a high priority on ethical business practices, personal growth and positive contributions to the construction industry."

Offices are located at 2900 Vanderbilt Place in Nashville.