

## The best laid plans

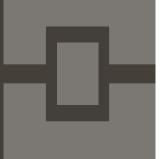
JE Dunn Construction has become one of the largest and most prestigious general contractors in the country by pursuing perfection in its people, projects and suppliers. Midwest Cast Stone supports JE Dunn in its pursuit of perfection by delivering as promised.





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hen Ben Miller's phone is quiet that's a good thing. Phone calls, more often than not, usually indicate a problem with a project. It could be a problem with people, it could be a problem with plans, or it could be that products are not where they're supposed to be.

Miller is a project manager with JE Dunn Construction and is responsible for making sure the important pieces of a construction project come together. JE Dunn is one of the biggest contractors in the country. It was ranked #26 on the list of Top 400 Contractors compiled by Engineering News-Record magazine.

Miller spends most of his time coordinating the efforts of specialty contractors and trades such as masons and carpenters. This means he's responsible for making sure they have the right materials when they needed them at the job site. When he needs to buy architectural-grade

What to look

for in your cast

Deep experience with

Long-term relationships.

production and delivery.

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History of on-time

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cast stone for masonry projects he buys from Midwest Cast Stone. He likes the product and the service - and the fact that his phone stays quiet.

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choice for hospital expansions,

environments. Recent notable projects include additions for Children's Mercy Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, and Overland Park Regional Medical Center.

Midwest Cast Stone makes all of the most common cast stone pieces including sills, capstones and cornerstones. For the Children's Mercy project, however, some of the cast stone masonry inlays required colored concrete accents. Manufacturing and delivery came off without a hitch.

Miller said he likes that Midwest Cast Stone is particularly responsive when special requests come up. Sometimes new pieces are needed on short notice.

"When we have a need for new pieces or modifications, Midwest Cast Stone is great about turning new orders around very quickly, usually in about 3-4 days," said Miller.

In no other industry is the saying "time is money" more true. Getting the right products, in the right size, to the right site is the difference between hundreds of thousands in profit margins.

The construction business requires competitive bids and Midwest Cast Stone definitely wins on price most of the time. But it's the little extras in service and support that set Midwest Cast Stone apart from other suppliers, said Miller.

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especially in the Kansas City area. JE Dunn people know how to work in and around sensitive hospital