

Project Manager/Estimator – Construction Operations

With 24 years at McClure Company and more than four decades in the construction industry, George Thoman brings experience, integrity, and steady leadership to every project he touches.

A Lifetime in Construction

George's construction career began early. At just 12 years old, he was building houses alongside his uncles. Construction runs deep in his family, his father worked in the trade, and all but one of his brothers followed the same path. What started as hands-on learning quickly became a lifelong calling.

George joined McClure Company on May 13, marking a milestone 24-year anniversary this year. This June, he celebrates 42 years in the industry as a testament to his dedication and passion for the work.

Growing with McClure

George started at McClure in Special Projects as an Estimator/Project Manager during the PPL ownership era. He then transitioned into estimating under Steve Geyer, which later evolved into a construction operations role. Today, his career has come full circle as he returns to Special Projects, now working alongside Dan Pietropola a role that reflects both his experience and adaptability.

What He Loves About the Work

George's favorite projects to work on are industrial, because of their complexity and challenge. Steel mills, food industry facilities, and central plants stand out as some of his favorites. He finds hydraulic piping and process work especially rewarding, noting the satisfaction of seeing every piece come together.

His favorite project of all time was a steel mill job that involved tearing out an old furnace and installing a new one. The project required a full year of planning, extensive prefabrication, and round-the-clock work, seven days a week for two months, with nearly 100 people on site. It was intense work where teams essentially lived on the job site, but the scale and execution made it unforgettable.

Experience That Makes a Difference

George's strong estimating background gives him a critical advantage in project management, especially when it comes to cost control. Over the years, one skill has proven most valuable: honesty. George believes in treating people the way he would want to be treated, building trust that makes teams stronger and more willing to work together.

When challenges arise, as they inevitably do, George stays composed and focused on keeping the customer satisfied. Experience has taught him not every issue is worth escalating; perspective and calm decision-making go a long way.

McClure Company Through the Years

George has seen many changes at McClure over the past 24 years. What he values most is the trust and flexibility the company gives its people. Leaders like Todd Ray and Dan Pietropola have empowered him to do his job well, which he finds both motivating and meaningful.

He describes McClure as a company that always stands behind its work. Integrity, reputation, and safety matter here. George points out that McClure has returned to job sites to fix issues long after warranties expired, simply because it was the right thing to do. To him, one of the strongest signs of a great workplace is longevity, and McClure proves that with employees who stay for decades.

Life Outside of Work

Family is always first for George. Outside of work, he spends much of his time volunteering for his church and supporting family projects and renovations. He provides project management support for multiple Faith Tabernacle locations and is passionate about helping people who need it. Most importantly, he strives to lead by example for his children.

One thing coworkers might not know: George comes from a big family, seven brothers and four sisters.

As for doing anything else besides construction? George says it's all he's ever done—and all he's ever wanted to do.