

BUILD OHIO

YOUR FUTURE IN CONSTRUCTION STARTS HERE

Project Manager

The position of project manager is sometimes the same as that of a general superintendent or project superintendent. The nature of a project manager's work is, therefore, very dependent upon the firm's organizational structure, the firm's size, and the number or size of projects the manager works with. He or she is an individual capable of overall management responsibility for delivering a construction project from its conception until it functions as it was intended. The project manager must be capable of establishing performance and delivery criteria for approval by the owner. If one's firm is involved in project design work, the project manager may be responsible for directing the production of basic design plans and construction documents. Estimating, start up, scheduling, actual construction, expediting, inspection, quality control, and total delivery of the project according to the established criteria are aspects of the project manager's job.

Education/Training

Most project managers have many years of experience as a construction superintendent. Generally, contractors have selected their project managers from among the superintendents or occasionally foremen who demonstrate leadership and working knowledge of construction operations. A college education is very desirable, although it is not necessarily essential for some firms. At many firms it has become a requirement, and a number of schools offer construction management degrees which combine construction procedures with administrative principles. A project manager must have a good understanding of construction methods, materials, scheduling, and blueprint reading, as well as knowledge in communication skills.

Advancement Potential

Project managers are usually considered top management, and often become principal officers of their construction firms. On occasion, project managers start their own company.

Wage Averages for Ohio (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2013)

Hourly: \$37.73

Annual: \$87,510





REALSTORIES

REAL PEOPLE

Andrew - Project Manager

YEARS WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY?

27+ Years

HOW DID YOU BEGIN YOUR CAREER?

A friend of the family was looking for some help on a large prison project. I thought I would give it a try. I started out in the field as a laborer and project engineer.

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY?

Mostly the people and the comradery amongst our fellow employees. The constant change on th different projects.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Working with different people on the numerous projects over the years. Each project has its own unique challenges and characteristics.

BEST ADVICE

Be willing to listen and learn from the people that have been in this industry for years. They are a great resource to further your development in construction.

BEST EXPERIENCE

Being able to work on several large and complicated projects. These projects caused some headaches, but you had a sense of accomplishment when they were done.