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A philosopher once stated that, "You're either growing or your dying." If any company was ever a testament to that statement, it is Fast Track Specialties.

Fast Track Specialties believes that the best way to meet the need of their clients is through growth and innovation.

Founded in 2000 by Owner and President, John D. Glaze, Fast Track Specialties grew into a leading Division 10 Specialties firm in the greater Houston area through the hard work and dedication of some of the industry's most highly qualified, diverse and motivated professionals.

Between their impressive body of work, stellar safety record and innovative solutions to meeting their customers' needs, it's truly no wonder why Fast Track Specialties is quickly becoming an industry leader.

Plan for Growth

Fast Track Specialties' vast product line meets the needs of many contractors and owners, however, the company is also dedicated to providing the best products and solving unique challenges for customers. One such example, as John Glaze explains, is that for years women have complained about the gaps in the restroom stall walls that they often have to cover up with toilet paper.

With a goal in mind, the team at Fast Track Specialties got together and researched products and solutions they would want for their own mothers, wives, aunts or daughters to ensure privacy was provided. The answer was ADA compliant stalls with an extra layer of privacy. To ensure the company provided the best product, they embarked on four trips to investigate—stretching across the nation all the way to the UK to find unique products from Privada, Amwell/Venesta, and Hadrian. The result of the trip was the discovery of a new product line that services every sector of the construction industry.

Building our Industry

To continue meeting the customers' need with effective, innovative and new products, Fast Track Specialties has to ensure they are bringing in the best talent. They decided to partner with University of Houston College of Technology.

"We saw first-hand the need for students to gain hands on experience within the Construction Industry," said Jennifer

Whiting, Vice President. "This need can only be met when construction industry professionals step up to lead students into the future by showing them the way, it is extremely important to our team that we personally invest in the industry and leave it far better than we found it."

Since the program's inception in 2012, Fast Track Specialties has hosted over 13 interns from the University of Houston and Texas A&M, offering three of the intern's full-time positions upon graduation.

A Strong Foundation

Even as the company is growing, safety remains a constant force within Fast Track Specialties' culture. "Our safety program is second to none throughout the construction industry, we are extremely fortunate to have owners who are truly concerned with the safety of its employees," said Forsyth. "We TRULY strive for zero accidents."

Privada, a European design brought to the U.S., aided Fast Track Specialties' mission of better privacy in restrooms.



Fast Track is a five-time ABC of Greater Houston Platinum Level STEP Award recipient (2011-2015), five-time ASA Gold CTS 2011-2015, AGC Excellence in Safety Award 2015, and Subcontractor of the Year-Safety Award 2015. They are active members of the ABC Safety Committee, the ABC OSHA Partnership Committee, the ASA Safety Committee, the Construction Safety Networking Group, and the Houston-area OSHA fall prevention Committee.

"It is important to us not only for the safety of ALL of our employees, but to be truthful, our clients know that when they have Fast Track on the job, they have a good contractor that is a safety minded contractor," said Clinton Forsyth, Safety/Field Operations Manager.

To learn more about Fast Track Specialties visit their website at www.ftspec.com. ♦