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**Michael A. Podgorny, Sr. Joins Englewood Construction Team  
as Director of Construction**

*30-year veteran brings experience and relationships to national general contractor*

CHICAGO (January 31, 2012) – Lemont, Ill.-based Englewood Construction, one of the country's leading commercial construction firms, has announced Michael A. Podgorny, Sr., 58, has joined the firm as director of construction.

Podgorny brings more than 30 years of industry experience to Englewood Construction, with previous positions as a principal at Crane Construction in Northbrook, Ill. and Sr. Vice President with Capitol Construction in Wheeling, Ill.

"We feel extremely privileged to welcome someone of Michael's caliber and ability to Englewood," said William Di Santo, president of Englewood Construction. "This is a major move for our firm and it will undoubtedly build our presence in the high-end retail, restaurant and hospitality markets through Michael's extensive connections and relationships. Business has been growing the past year and this will only add to what we anticipate will be a great 2013."

Focused on high-end restaurants and retail projects, Podgorny also has a wealth of knowledge in hospitality and building renovation work. In the past, he has worked with clients such as Hyatt, Morgan Chase, Crate and Barrel, the James Hotel, Ian Schraeger, Denihan Hospitality, The Fairmont, Swissotel, The Stefani Restaurant Group, The Levy Group, The Compass Group, and restaurants such as Smith and Wollensky, Frontera Grill, Weber Grill and Fleming's Steakhouse in Chicago.

"I choose Englewood because I thought it would be the best fit for me and my clients," said Podgorny. "My goal is to grow Englewood's business and expand its work with boutique and high-end retailers, restaurateurs and the hospitality industry."

Podgorny's most recent projects in Chicago include the Siena Tavern in the River North neighborhood and high-end fashion retailer Ikram's three-story building on Huron Street.

"There are so many parallels to Englewood's expertise and the work that my clients require," said Podgorny. "It seemed like it would be a natural move and that my clients would be with a firm that had the capabilities and experience to support their business endeavors."



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Englewood's national presence was also an important draw for Podgorny, as the firm's expansive geographic capabilities will be a benefit to his clientele. The firm works with more than 20,000 subcontractors throughout the United States and can initiate work in every major market.

"We are excited to weld our national presence with Mike's high-end and high-profile clients," said Chuck Taylor, director of business operations for Englewood. "We believe this will be a wonderful opportunity for many of Mike's clients to expand into other markets in a seamless fashion."

Podgorny resides in Hinsdale and has a degree from Purdue University. He is active with community and civic organizations and is involved with the Boy Scouts of America, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and El Valor Children's Facilities.

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**About Englewood Construction:**

Englewood Construction, Inc. is a commercial general contractor specializing in the construction of retail, restaurant, shopping center, hotel, education and office/industrial projects throughout the United States. Established in 2001, Englewood Construction's executive team has more than 30 years of commercial construction experience, including executive positions with R.A.S. Builders and Capitol Construction. Since its founding, Englewood Construction has managed over 500 projects in 28 states and amassed a national qualified vendor base exceeding 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information on the company, visit [www.engagewoodconstruction.com](http://www.engagewoodconstruction.com), and to learn the latest insights and tips on solving commercial construction issues visit the company's award-winning blog at [www.hardhatchat.com](http://www.hardhatchat.com)

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