



Dave Riddle Electric Company Celebrates 35 Years Anniversary in Commercial Electrical Contracting

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“Never say anything that isn’t true and finish everything you start.” – David M. Riddle

David McLaughlin Riddle started his electrical career as an apprentice for Knox Electric in Houston, TX in 1974. He worked for Knox for a year and a half and gained field experience and on the job training. In 1975 he began working for C.B. Gilbert Electric in Houston where he worked his way up for over eleven years from apprentice, journeyman, and foreman to assistant superintendent, under Namon Cundiff, for jobs all over the Houston metroplex. His mentorship with C.B. Gilbert was invaluable, showing him how to run all aspects of a successful contracting business. He worked hands-on in the office with Barbra and C.B. Gilbert, which showed him that hard work and a standard of ethics are the backbone of a successful company.

David was promoted, and managed the entire C.B. Gilbert Dallas office for two and a half years while overseeing multiple projects. While in Dallas for Gilbert and seeing the economy in Houston take a turn, David was inspired to start his own company in Dallas. He took a leap of faith and everything he had to establish Dave Riddle Electric Company (DRECO) in 1987. His wife, Gayle, was a schoolteacher and left the classroom to help David build their family business. Along with the Gilberts, there were key customers, like William B. Kibler and Bob Koster, who

gave David a chance and continually mentored him as they also ran their own construction businesses. He began working on Marriott hotel chains, bank rollouts, schools, and churches with repeat customers.

For over 35 years, Dave Riddle Electric Company has kept the same basic standards in everyday business: **Quality, Dependability, and Integrity**. These three cornerstones are DRECO's foundation and they are shown in the field, estimation, project management, and customer satisfaction. DRECO's outstanding employee retention and customer satisfaction are key components of their current business model and operations.

DRECO celebrates its 35th anniversary this year with its strongest year yet and will continually grow in the Texas electrical contracting field in the years to come. With deep gratitude, DRECO thanks all the loyal employees and customers that have entrusted them with their projects over the years: predominantly retail/ entertainment sites, school district bond programs throughout the state, and every denomination of churches around the metroplex. DRECO appreciates the teamwork of our suppliers, employees, and clients as we continue to complete such successful business projects in the electrical contracting field.

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