

Executive Director, Joe Benedict

As Executive Director of the Construction Exchange, Joe is responsible for oversight of day-to-day operations and achieving the goals of the association's strategic plan. It is a role he takes great pride in and enjoys showing up for every day.

Joe has been around construction his entire life. From a young boy tagging along with his father who had a home remodeling company, to construction jobs through high school, college and after graduating. After college, Joe figured he should put his degree to use and worked in banking for six years. It was a good career, but he wanted to be back in construction. Then he learned about an opening with an organization called the Construction Exchange and jumped at the opportunity.

His wife questioned his judgement at the time, since he took a small pay cut and lost all that banker vacation time, but looking back 12 years later, it was the right move. "The construction industry is special. It is full of great people that I get to work with every day. And through my position at the Construction Exchange, I get to help so many businesses. I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be," he explains.

Joe lives in Hamburg with his wife Jill, seven-year-old son Joey III and five-year-old daughter Amelia. He enjoys hunting, fishing and spending the summer taking the family on camping trips across New York.

