

Arden Builds a Strong Family Business

Arden Engineering Constructors (originally Arden Engineering Company, Inc.) was founded in 1954 by Irwin Arden as a mechanical and general contracting company in Providence, Rhode Island. Nearly seventy years later, the Arden namesake has evolved into a multi-faceted group of geographically diverse firms that comprise **Arden Building Companies** — headquartered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Arden employs over 440 office and union craft personnel in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine.

Arden designs, constructs and maintains essential systems for buildings of all types. Their comprehensive skill set includes virtual design and construction, engineering, mechanical, HVAC, fire protection, electrical, service and maintenance, building automation, and traffic lighting and technology. Arden uses state-of-the-art technology with 3D imaging and data analytics. Systems are designed with accuracy and precision, providing clash-free installations. Their multiple in-house pipe fabrication facilities allow modular components to be created in a controlled environment and delivered to project sites for installation. This process reduces on-site work hours, streamlines productivity and increases overall project safety.



The Bolton family (Lto R) Connor, Robert, Bob and Douglas.

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1960

Robert H. Bolton (RH Bolton) joins Arden working as a union pipefitter and eventually oversees their international projects as a senior project manager. Carmine J. Puniello joins Arden with a strong engineering background in power piping and process systems. Puniello develops a quality assurance program which leads to Arden obtaining ASME certifications. **In 1969, Irwin's son Peter Arden becomes president, and RH Bolton is appointed general manager.**

1970

Peter Arden focuses the company on mechanical construction. He also invests in new world technology — the computer — streamlining job costs, accounting, and estimating procedures.

1980

RH Bolton is promoted to executive vice president and appoints Carmine J. Puniello as vice president. Robert M. Bolton (Bob), his son, joins Arden as a project engineer after graduating college.

In 1987, RH Bolton purchases Arden, partnering with CJ Puniello, forming Arden Engineering Constructors, Inc., focusing on HVAC, industrial power and environmental applications.

1992

In 1992, Bob becomes vice president and adds a service and maintenance division. After graduating, John Puniello, CJ Puniello's son, joins Arden as a project engineer. John plays an integral part in the success of Arden Engineering Constructors, spanning over thirty years to his current role as president.

In 1999, Arden is sold to PSEG Energy Technologies, Inc.

2000

PSEG exits the mechanical construction market, and Bob purchases the company, forming Arden Engineering Constructors, LLC. Bob expands Arden's offerings and market diversification by adding plumbing, pipe fabrication, fire protection and electrical contracting. He also invests in state-of-the-art technology.

2006

In 2006, Arden Building Companies is formed as a parent company in response to the growth and expanding geography of business acquisitions: MJ Daly, Waterbury, Connecticut, 2006; Unique Metal Works, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 2008; and Corporate Mechanical of New England, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, 2014.



2019

In 2019, Bob's sons join Arden Building Companies: Doug Bolton as a project manager at AEC, and Connor Bolton as a project manager at CMNE.

In 2020, John Puniello is named President of AEC, and Bob becomes CEO of ABC.

In 2022, Bob becomes president of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), following his election to board of directors in 2018.

