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## CELY CONSTRUCTION



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## Family keeps Cely Construction rooted in the Upstate for 70 years

In 1948, Cely Brothers Lumber Co. was formed by five brothers, all WWII veterans. Seventy years and three generations later, Cely Construction is still family owned and operated at the same location in Greenville.

Samuel Cely, president, said one of the highlights for the company has been its involvement with church construction, completing over 500 church projects. "We've been church contractors since the beginning, and I'm very proud of that," he said. "You work with building committees and usually in the evenings. It's not something every contractor does."

According to Caroline Cely Talbott, CFO, Cely's clients range from BMW,

Greenville Hospital System, and local government to private commercial projects including offices, retail, restaurants, manufacturing and pre-engineered buildings. "In the last five years, we've won two Excellence in Construction awards," she said.

William Cely, Project Coordinator, said that being a family business, with a focus on building long term relationships and customer service, makes Cely unique. The family attitude extends to every employee. "We keep the same morals the five brothers started with - honesty and respect," he said.

Cely said, one of the things that sets his firm apart is its diversity in size and types of projects. "Although we



are licensed in three states, we made a conscious decision to focus on the Upstate," he said. "We prefer to stay close enough so that everyone can come home to their families at night. Our superintendents enjoy that; I enjoy that."

In reflecting on the past, the Celys "want to thank our clients who have made our success possible. To prospective clients, we invite you to call on us for a full range of construction services."

"What's important to us is our reputation and quality of life," Cely said.