



EDiS Intern Experience: My Summer at Fairview

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I spent my first day with EDiS going from office to office, introducing myself and offering my services to anyone who needed help. I got the chance to meet a lot of new people and learn about all of the departments within EDiS. Nevertheless, I looked forward to starting my work in the field; the real fun began once I got settled on the Fairview job site!

Once I got to Fairview, I was introduced to my mentors, Matt and Jimmy. It was my first time on a commercial construction site, so I was definitely a little intimidated. Nonetheless, within the first few hours, the guys welcomed me in like family! Matt and Jimmy both come from different construction backgrounds and have a vast amount of knowledge. I was able to learn a lot from both of them.

While I did not need to worry about having a lack of learning opportunities, I did need to figure out a method for retaining all of the information from my internship. Knowing myself, I had a feeling that I wouldn't remember every little detail, so I decided to write things down. Here are some of the lessons that I learned:

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Fairview job site[/caption]

- *You can never be too prepared:* You never know when a contractor might approach you with a question about the project. Staying two steps ahead will make you a better superintendent.
- In the field, **safety is #1:** No matter what the situation is, *no job or building is more important than someone's safety.*
- Everything on a job is important: While some parts of a project might not be directly



important to you, *they are probably top priority for others*. It is *your* job to show respect for everyone by making sure that every task is considered important.

- *Work as a team*: There are many people from a variety of job positions in the trailer at one time. If you don't work as a team, it can make the job ten times harder. Do your best to try and help the people around you.
- Be mindful of the "***little things***": Sometimes, the *smallest* things can make the *biggest* difference.

These are only a few of the many, invaluable lessons that I learned this summer. Working for EDiS was a great experience and I am very thankful for the opportunity!

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