

Supplier Diversity – BJI Video Transcript

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Speaker 1

Bernard Johnson, I'm the president of BJ inspections. Well, our first picture on our web page was me and my brother shaking our hands. And that's a handshake and a promise. When I started working with Dominion, I retired out of the Coast Guard in 2002, wondering what I was going to do - you know, after retirement, everybody does. A lot of the industry we're in right now work off code of federal regulations while the same philosophy works in the military.

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I've been working under the Code of Federal Regulations for many years. Come to find out they needed an inspector in Cove Point, Maryland. So I poured concrete, I did air tests, I did welding. I've done it all. So that's how I got my first start with Dominion.

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Speaker 2

It is a family business. So my father is Marlon Johnson, the other part owner of the company. So when Bernie got with my dad and they decided that they wanted to start BJ Inspections, you know, they did everything from their truck or from just like the kitchen in the house.

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We started out with me and four others, me and my younger brother, you know, not knowing where this is going to go.

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Speaker 2

Then they turned that house into what is BJ Inspections, headquarters office. That's a big piece of you know, why we're hubzone certified as well because you have to have your principal office in a hub in a hubzone area.

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A hubzone is underutilized areas for all the whole U.S., you know, no industry, a lot of stuff shut down, people in dire need. And a lot of your guys working out in the inspection world and truck drivers and all that are coming from these small communities. So there's a lot of people we hire with and we've hired from Ohio and all over the place that fall under those hubzone disadvantaged areas.

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You're kind of hitting everything at once, so you're really helping the communities out there, too.

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Speaker 2

You know, a huge piece of it is just giving opportunity to, you know, people of all walks of life.

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You know, that goes on and above to say that Dominion's being part of bringing back to the community that's really important to me - meaning that it's not forgetting exactly what the veterans have put in out there, you know? I really didn't even believe that when I got out that it would give me any benefits or anything. I think it's a great warmth in the heart when a company like that is putting more back into the community.

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You know, and I'm so grateful to be part of the diversity program. I got to really thank them because they're the ones that really helped me get where I'm at now and that's where we're at still.