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## Eastman Cooke Continues its Commitment to Next-Gen Construction Professionals with Steven Dodge Hire

*General contracting firm expands through mentorship programs supporting new opportunities for staff diversity at all levels*

**Eastman Cooke & Associates (ECA)**, a New York and Long Island-based general contracting firm, announces the hiring of **Steven Dodge** as an assistant field operations supervisor. In his new position, **Dodge** will participate in the firm's mentorship program and focus his work on eventually succeeding to project management level. Prior to joining **Eastman-Cooke**, he served as a field operations supervisor for 360 Painting of Lynbrook. Dodge holds OSHA and CASAC certifications and is a second-generation construction trades worker.

"**Steven** has a great work ethic and an enthusiasm for learning, which are key in our industry," points out **Peter Morandi**, Chief Executive Officer, LEED AP, **Eastman-Cooke & Associates**. "He quickly absorbed the tenets of our proprietary Work Smart System and the importance of teamwork. He also shows excellent follow-through on his project assignments."

Adds **April Intrabartola**, Vice President, **Eastman Cooke & Associates**. "It is tough to find qualified candidates interested in careers in the construction trades, nowadays, because we are an on-site industry in which working remotely is rarely an option. But technology has also elevated the nature of the work, both physically and intellectually, and there is so much opportunity for growth! We look forward to watching **Steven** grow with our firm."



Steven Dodge

Long-time advocates for an educated workforce, **Morandi** and **Intrabartola**, a former educator, helped develop the construction trades curriculum being taught at LaGuardia Community College. In addition, **Morandi** is a guest lecturer at the New York Institute of Technology's architecture program.

In addition to the mentorship program for next generation construction professionals, **Eastman Cooke** is expanding its management and field teams with more gender and racial diversification. "The future of the construction industry is happening now with a more inclusive spirit and better educated workforce," says **Morandi**.