George J. Igel & Co., Inc.

The techniques, technologies, and equipment have changed, but the tradition of quality work, innovation, and consistent performance continues.
George J. Igel & Co. is established by George J. Igel II. Teams of horses and slat wagons were used to move dirt around the city of Columbus. Drivers of the wagons were some of the first “teamsters.”

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Second generation George J. Igel, Sr. begins working at the company with his family.

1932

The company becomes incorporated. Bulldozers are added to the equipment fleet to enhance and increase production of earthwork projects.
Ohio crane manufacturers, including Bucyrus Erie and Lima Cranes, “beta-test” their products with Igel.

Igel crews dig basements and grade lots for the construction of houses in the post World War II boom. Over 1,000 basements were dug in one month in the 50’s.

Igel designs and fabricates a “dozer truck”. Small grading dozers could now transport themselves. The dozer beds are still in use today.

Radio dispatching is introduced, leading to more efficient communication between the office and the field crews.

Carphone is installed in George Igel Jr’s car.

Igel crane used to place statue of Christopher Columbus in front of Columbus City Hall.
Igel cranes lift boats into the Scioto River for races, place the state Christmas tree, and transport hippos into their new home at the Columbus Zoo.

George J. Igel Jr. is named company president in 1967. George, Joseph, and William begin their legacy as the “third generation”.

Igel uses an IBM system 3 computer to compile job, equipment and fiscal data with its own programmers.

Igel excavates grass from Ohio Stadium and installs a base for a new product called “Astroturf.”

Igel cranes hold a platform for TV cameras above Ohio Stadium.

LaserPlane of Dayton and Igel partner to develop laser grading technologies and laser-guided grading.
George J. Igel & Co., Inc. moves to its present 12-acre facility on Alum Creek Drive.

First deep dynamic compaction performed for Bob Evans project in South Columbus.

Igel purchases Bucyrus Erie 65-C high tensile strength boom cranes. Lighter, stronger metal allows for greater load-lifting capacity.

First six-wheel drive articulated dump trucks in Central Ohio purchased by Igel.

Full-time Safety Officer is hired, reporting directly to the president of the company.

Christopher Columbus statue is refurbished and re-set by Igel cranes.
The Santa Maria is lifted simultaneously into the Scioto River by three high capacity Igel cranes. Igel achieves national recognition for this lift.

In 1995, Igel partners with the Ohio State University Department of Mapping, and an Igel vehicle performs a real-time topography using NASA Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology.

John, George V., and Joe Jr., begin their legacy as the "fourth generation".

Igel enters the structural concrete market by purchasing the assets of a local concrete contractor.

Soil stabilization and asphalt reclamation are self-performed by Igel crews. Lime stabilization and modification of soil extends the working season for excavation projects.

All employees with the company over 12 months are required to obtain at least 10-hour OSHA safety training.

Igel begins to place Roller Compacted Concrete as an additional service to its customers. The low slump-high strength pavement material provides numerous benefits.
In over 100 years, George J. Igel & Co., Inc. has evolved to provide an array of services to safely and productively meet the needs of its customers.

**Concrete**

Over 10,000 cubic yards of concrete are poured annually for structures, hardscapes and foundations.

**Roller Compacted Concrete**

Our state of the art paver provides compaction at the screed for this alternative rigid paving product. RCC has proven to be very cost effective in certain applications.

**Earthwork**

Millions of cubic yards of earth are moved and hundreds of acres graded annually by Igel’s experienced site crews.

**Earth Retention System**

Igel can design and build H-pile/lagging systems, sheeting and pile foundations.

**Utilities**

Igel crews have installed sewers, waterlines and duct banks in all conditions in Ohio.

**Soil Stabilization**

Lime and cement stabilization, and soil modifications are performed to increase soil strength characteristics by our well trained crews.
George J. Igel & Co., Inc. has employed thousands over these 100 years, and employs some third generation non-family members today.

Our success and longevity can only be attributed to the men and women who have strived to do their best each day.

George J. Igel & Co., Inc. remains committed to be a positive, driving, creative force in the construction industry.

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