



# **Bryan Jaeger of Basking Ridge named president of New Jersey Building Materials Dealers Association**

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**BASKING RIDGE** -- The New Jersey Building Materials Dealers Association announced Bryan Jaeger, owner of Jaeger Lumber of Union, as the association's president.

In its 125th year of working to promote the lumber industry, the former New Jersey Lumber Dealers Association changed its name this year to strengthen its outreach to all construction supply dealers such as those who sell electrical, plumbing, roofing and other building materials.

"It is more important than ever that we have a strong organization to represent New Jersey's building suppliers," Jaeger said. "The NJBMDA is working to promote legislation that would spur the recovery of the housing market and we're also monitoring future green building legislation."

Emphasizing that 2009 will be a challenging year, Jaeger calls for all building materials dealers to follow developments in the housing industry as well as what legislators in Trenton and Washington are doing to spark the construction industry.

"The NJBMDA is working hard to make our members' voices heard," Jaeger said, noting construction suppliers should use the association's resources to stay on the cutting edge.

The association, founded in 1884, promotes the retail building materials industry. The association monitors and interprets state legislation, encourages high levels of professional standards, education and cooperation with other groups, and broadens public understanding of the function of the retail building material distributor in the marketplace.

Jaeger Lumber is a family business, founded in Union by Jaeger's grandfather in 1937. Bryan Jaeger, a third generation owner of the company, is also a third generation president of the association, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Jaeger has worked full time in the business since 1993. Currently, Jaeger Lumber has eight locations in New Jersey, including Bernardsville, Belmar, Madison, Middlesex, Point Pleasant Beach, Stirling, Lakewood and the original location and main showroom in Union.