

A man in a dark blue suit and red tie is smiling and standing next to the open door of a white airplane. He is holding a thin rod or handle. The background shows the side of the airplane with blue and white stripes.

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# AGC Member Thomas Thornton Appointed to CILB

*Thomas Thornton, Thornton Construction*

One of the first things a person notices about Thomas Thornton, founder and president of Thornton Construction, is his youthfulness. To be as accomplished as Thornton at such a young age – he's just 34 years old – is astonishing.

In just six short years, his company has grown from a one-man operation to a staff of nearly 40. His company was successful from the start, reaching a milestone \$1 million in construction sales after only six months of operations and, since that time, has continued to grow.

Another notable characteristic of Thornton is his seriousness and strong commitment to the field of construction. As a testament to his dedication, Thornton was recently appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). As a CILB board member, Thornton will work closely with AGC and other industry professionals to regulate the construction industry throughout the state of Florida. The 18-member board will be responsible for monitoring current regulations and, when necessary, create new legislation to improve the building codes currently in place.

As a commercial contractor, he has managed several multi-million dollar projects in some of South Florida's most recognized facilities and hospitals such as Jackson Memorial, Aventura, Baptist, Memorial, Parkway, as well as Miami International Airport, Miami-Dade Community College, and Biga Bakeries, just to name a few. From free-standing buildings to interior

build-outs, Thornton Construction has earned its reputation by providing customer service and quality construction within the guidelines of today's competitive marketplace. Thornton Construction is a full-service contracting firm specializing in commercial and medical (including AHCA-inspected) projects and provides general contracting, construction management, renovation and interior finish construction services to owners, occupants and developers.

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our clients through personalized customer service and our commitment to excellence."

Another testament to Thornton's commitment to the community includes his pro-bono projects and outreach to the community. One of the best examples of such a project is the Starlight Children's Foundation. Starlight sites are beautifully designed hospital environments created to provide young patients with a place to relax and play. Thornton Construction performed the interior renovation at the Jackson Memorial Hospital, Holtz Center for the Starlight Foundation — at no cost.

Regardless of the size or scope of a project, Thornton Construction's dedication is unsurpassed. "We are not the largest commercial contractor and we do not choose to be," he explains. "We give our clients the best service by providing personalized attention and we work very hard to ensure each project is a success and every customer is satisfied with our work."

A graduate of University of Florida's School of Building Construction, Thornton formerly worked for some of the industry's top corporations, serving as a project manager for Suffolk County and at Beauchamp Construction in South Florida.

His family's background includes a century of accomplishments in construction and real estate. For generations, the Thornton name has been synonymous with success and integrity in construction. This Mr. Thornton doesn't show any signs of interrupting that record. ■