

Mr. Jason Cook is one of the 3 current owners of Commercial Mechanical Inc. This business was founded in 1977 by Cecil Smith, Richard Kiger, and Norm Broshous, who have all retired. Commercial Mechanical Inc. is a contract firm with over 45 years of service. Some of the services they provide include: HVAC, plumbing systems, wastewater, geothermal, and refrigeration. They are located in Dunlap, Illinois and can be contacted at (309)-243-7768 for your **commercial** needs.

Mr. Jason Cook went to college and has a bachelor's degree in construction technology. In 1995 he got a 7 week internship and then took a full time position when he was offered. He had one job after college. He grew up in Monmouth, Illinois and chose to have the business in Dunlap to be close to family. He also said that the business has a great location because the business is almost located in the middle of the state which makes it great for reaching more people. Mr. Jason Cook's business works in the suburbs of Chicago, areas like Rockford, the Quad Cities, and Peoria. He also told us that he didn't have any alternative job ideas, and he wanted something he was interested in, financial opportunity, and a quality life.

Mr. Jason Cook said that one of the main things about being a business owner is having time commitment, and you have to be engaged in what you do. His business is unique and better than the others because they have a 200 mile radius, hire people merit based, and don't allow family to work just because they're family. Being a business owner you have to have a competitive mindset, be task driven, surround yourself with good people that are hardworking and honest. Mr. Jason Cook shared that he thinks it's easier to be the owner and less pressure because if you make a mistake it's your money too. Being a business owner is very risky, but the reward outweighs the risk. He told us that there is going to be a lot of financial risk but being the owner, you have less risk of being outsourced and job security.

Lastly, Mr. Jason Cook said he wouldn't do anything differently, and he acknowledges that there are challenges, but he doesn't regret owning the business. He said with being in charge, he's always trying to improve and be better for everyone.

