AGI affiliated glazing contractors serve owners and construction managers with glass and metal solutions delivered on time and on budget. AGI member contractors and craftworkers are qualified to handle all interior and exterior architectural glass and metal applications. From design consultation and constructability reviews through final fabrication and installation, AGI members raise the bar for creativity, quality, safety, and value.

ABOUT THE COMPANY
Just one year after graduating from the IUPAT District Council 21 glazing apprenticeship program, Stephen Gilchrist and James McDonald struck out on their own. They founded GMI Contractors, Inc. in June 1994 to create a legacy in the industry, beginning with a hands-on approach. Today, they are joined by third owner Michael Lopuszanski. Everyone at GMI works equally hard to deliver the best customer service and project results.

“As an organization, we are committed to exceeding expectations with every project we deliver,” explains Gilchrist.

Above, left to right: Lopuszanski, Gilchrist, and McDonald with Saint James Building (a GMI project) in background.
HISTORY
GMI began with five employees and window replacement work in the K-12 market. This steadily evolved into a multi-million-dollar organization that provides glazing services to the education, commercial, multi-family, and historic markets. GMI provides turnkey design, preconstruction, and construction solutions. The company’s attention to detail, integrated teamwork, and schedule management have endeared them to the region’s general contractors, architects, and owners.

GMI was one of the first local glazing contractors to successfully complete a unitized curtainwall system at the Science and Education Center at Temple University for Turner Construction. GMI also took part in the 21st Century Libraries Initiative, installing glass facades at the Tacony and Logan branches of the Philadelphia Free Library. The company’s savviness with design and understanding the intricacies of many systems have earned them notable projects. GMI has been part of award-winning projects and teams recognized with sustainability, design, and construction honors. The company is proud to have contributed to the Philadelphia skyline.

NOTABLE PROJECTS
GMI has been involved in significant projects across the region, annually completing 5-10 major works. Recent work includes the Kimpton Hotel Monaco in Old City, Courtyard by Marriott at the Navy Yard, Piazza at Northern Liberties, Dalian on the Park, Germantown Academy, 500 Walnut, and University Square. The multi-family BRIDGE development won an AIA NY Design Award of Merit in Sustainability and a Green Building United Groundbreaker Award for design-build firm Gluck+. Currently, GMI is working on a 47-story high-rise at Broad and Spruce.

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP
GMI contributes to industry leadership through membership in the Architectural Glass & Metal Association (AGMA), Building Owners & Managers Association International (BOMA), the Finishing Trades Institute of the Mid-Atlantic, and District Council 21. President Stephen Gilchrist serves on a labor/management committee dedicated to furthering the union glazing industry in the Philadelphia and South Jersey region.

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Read more about GMI Contractors in the following additional AGI publications:

Project Case Study: BRIDGE Philadelphia
Glazier Spotlight: Gerard Kots, Jr.