In 1973, Richard J. “Rick” Corman began his career in railroad construction with a backhoe, a dump truck and a tenacious spirit. Driven first by his remarkable operator skills and then by his commitment to safe and reliable service, Rick’s goal was to become one of the nation’s leading railroad service providers. For the next 40 years he worked to establish the railroad service company that is now known as R. J. Corman.

Today, R. J. Corman Railroad Group is headquartered in Rick’s hometown of Nicholasville, Kentucky, and has field locations in 22 states. The company serves all seven Class I railroads, many regional and short line railroads as well as various rail-served industries. These operations encompass an array of services, including: railroad construction, short line railroad operations, dispatch, industrial switching services, emergency response, track material logistics, distribution centers, signal design and construction and an excursion dinner train. The company’s diversity has given them the ability to service all aspects of the freight railroad industry at any scale.

R. J. Corman’s services are characterized by their versatility, quality and reliability. The Railroad Services company has over 40 years of experience with surfacing, laying rail, welding, tunnel improvements, and tie replacement. The success of R. J. Corman’s short line operations is embodied in its numerous awards, including the ASLRRA’s “2007 Short Line of the Year” and several years of the “Jake Award for Distinction,” which recognizes short line railroads for safety. In addition, the Switching company provides support to a variety of industries that ship their products via railroad. The Material Sales company specializes in full-service material management and distribution. R. J. Corman Signaling designs and installs highway crossing warning systems that are unique to their customers’ needs. R. J. Corman’s Storm Team provides the fastest and most efficient response to natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the Denver floods in 2013, with their strong infrastructure and wide range of equipment.

The outstanding execution of these services depends upon the dedication and expertise of over 1,400 employees, who work tirelessly to maintain the company’s core values of safety, customer satisfaction, quality and efficiency. While all company personnel are well trained in the necessary safety precautions that should be taken while performing work in the industry, R. J. Corman also encourages employee health and community involvement. In support of these ideas, the company hosts and sponsors numerous community-wide events, including its traditional Fourth of July fireworks celebration and 5k races that benefit employees and their families, as well as local charities and organizations.

Going forward, R. J. Corman seeks to build on its dynamic business approach by enhancing its services while continuing to help customers with their needs. In this way, the company hopes to continue carrying on Rick Corman’s vision and legacy.

Additional information about R. J. Corman’s history and services can be found at www.rjcorman.com.
Railroad Company

- Short line railroad operator with three strategically located distribution centers
- Eleven short line railroads in nine states totaling nearly 1,000 miles of track

Railroad Switching Company

- Twenty industrial switching operations in seven states for customers such as Toyota and Eastman Chemical Company
- Railcar loading and unloading at customer facilities, in-house railroad maintenance and material handling

Material Sales Company

- Full service material management and distribution, logistics and total material outsourcing capabilities
- Inventory procurement and management, point-of-use deliveries, emergency deliveries, hi-rail deliveries, crossing material and kits, weld kit stocking and distribution

Storm Team Emergency Response

- Fastest and most efficient response to natural disasters
- Rapid reaction time, clean-up and re-railing, reconstruction, remediation, temporary infrastructure
- Aerial assessment, mobile data command centers, wide range of equipment

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