

Home Furnishings Business

Jim Gooding Named VP, GM of Washington Design Center

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Jim Gooding has been promoted to vice president and general manager of the [Washington Design Center](#) , Washington, D.C.

Gooding, a 25-year home furnishings industry veteran, will be responsible for overseeing the operations and leasing efforts for the 60 showrooms and office tenants housed at the Washington Design Center, an MMPI property. He also will develop the facility's strategic positioning, while overseeing and maintaining tenant relations at the Design Center.

Most recently, Gooding was vice president of sales for [Merchandise Mart Properties inc.](#) ' six properties in High Point. In that position, Gooding oversaw the leasing efforts for more than 125 home furnishings showrooms, encompassing more than 2 million square feet.

"Jim brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the home furnishings industry to the Washington Design Center," said John H. Brennen III, MMPI executive vice president. "Jim understands our business, the challenges that our showrooms face, and the importance of strong relationships with our clients and customers. Jim's strong leadership and business acumen will be a tremendous asset to this world-class facility."