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Small businesses and their big hopes for Donald Trump



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
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He's the co-owner of the Haynes Group, a small construction firm in West Bridgewater with 48 employees that renovates buildings all over Boston. He's downright giddy about Donald Trump and a Republican-controlled Congress.

Here's what Haynes expects: the end of Washington gridlock. Lower taxes. Reduced health care costs. All of which means small-business owners like himself can grow and hire. Haynes has already done the math. If his taxes go down by 3 to 6 percent, he can add a few more workers.

“From the industry I come from, construction, you are going to see a lot more spending, a more willingness to invest,” said Haynes, who voted for Trump. “We don't have to worry about what is going to happen next year.”

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