



# MINNESOTA BUILDERS EXCHANGE

## Weekly Bulletin

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Spring is here, MBEXers (even if the temp readings dare to disagree), and with it comes plenty of opportunities to connect and engage, as you'll see later in this week's issue! April kicks off with April Fool's Day, a tradition dating back to the 1500s (I'm hoping you kept the job site pranks to a minimum, yes? 😊). This month is full of ways to reach out -- whether it's through industry events, project updates, or simply checking in with your network by sending a quick email. Stay connected, stay visible, and make the most of the season. ☐☐☐



**By Ashlee**  
*Membership & Communications Manager*

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### Five Quick Things To Know & Do This Week:

- 1.) **Heads Up!** Registration for our [Twin Cities Golf Tournament](#), taking place on June 17 at the Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater, will open this Thursday (April 3). Gather your foursome and get ready to par-tee ☐☐
- 2.) **Heads Up - One More!** The Spring Social [early bird special](#) ends **\*\*this Friday\*\***. If you're planning on joining us on April 16th for a fun afternoon filled with great company, actionable info regarding public projects and public engagement from Todd & Sean of Rapp Strategies, winning big at our Wine & Spirits Pull, and the possibility of maybe going home with more cash in your pocket (thanks to our 50/50 raffle), then you need to [register by Friday \(4/4\)](#) to secure that lower ticket price. After Friday, tickets jump from \$50 to \$65. You have been *ap*tly warned 😊
- 3.) Exciting Member News: Tom Kraemer, Inc., a leader in waste management and storage solutions, [has announced the acquisition](#) of Super Cubes, a nationwide reseller of shipping containers and container modifications. Congrats, Tom Kraemer!
- 4.) Have you seen the [new concept drawings](#) showing a renovation of the Xcel Energy Center complex that would add rooftop patios to the arena? We'll see if it happens. St. Paul and the Minnesota Wild are trying to convince the state to pick up half the tab for the upgrades...which is a projected \$769-million.
- 5.) This is why we [double-check the calendar](#) before scheduling...☐☐☐

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- **Review:** Looking back at MBEX's past 31 days
- **Notice:** A correction to Prevailing-Wage Rates for Highway/Heavy & Commercial
- **Events:** Weather's warming up and so is the calendar
- **Five Headlines:** Construction managers grapple with budgeting amidst seesawing tariffs, the U.S. receives its best ASCE infrastructure report card ever, how many

architects are regularly using A.I., building strong workforces under changing immigration policies, and how one team delivered on a supertall tower project within a quarter-acre parcel of land

- **Project of the Week:** Several School Districts seek \$200M+ in bond referendums
- **Industry Event:** DBE Construction Academy - Resource Management on April 8
- **Member Benefit:** Save big on car rentals for business travel with Hertz

## MEMBER NEWS + EVENTS

### UPCOMING MBEX EVENTS

#### Get In MBEXer; We're Going to an Upcoming Event

Warmer weather means a fuller calendar. If you haven't already registered for these upcoming MBEX events, what are you waiting for?



- **DATE:** Wednesday, April 16
- **TIME:** Doors open at 3:00pm; Program begins at 5:00pm
- **SPEAKERS:** Todd Rapp & Sean Oyaas - Rapp Strategies
- **LOCATION:** [Golden Valley Country Club](#) (7001 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Minn., 55427)
- **COST:** Early Bird - \$50 per person - **Ending this Friday, April 4!**

[Register Here](#)

Enjoy an afternoon filled with great food, refreshing drinks and valuable connections with industry professionals who, like you, are shaping the commercial construction landscape.

We will be joined by [Todd Rapp and Sean Oyass of Rapp Strategies](#) who will share and discuss with Spring Social attendees why community outreach and public engagement have become defining characteristics of successful public construction projects and an increasingly primary reason why teams get selected.

- **DATE:** Wednesday, May 7
- **TIME:** 3:00pm - 5:00pm
- **LOCATION:** [The Rusty Bumblebee](#) (10950 Club W Pkwy NE, #160, Blaine,

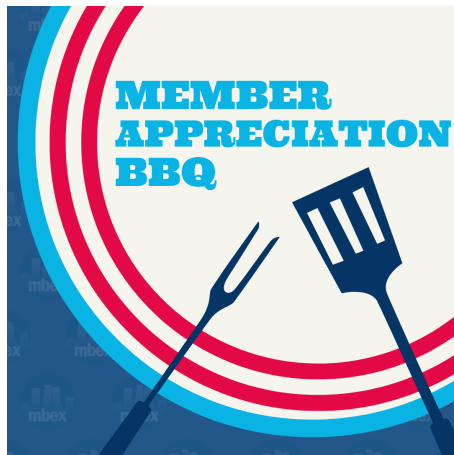
Minn. 55449)



**COST:** \$20 per person

### [Register Here](#)

From college students, recent graduates and interns, to those just getting started in the industry, the MBEX Young Professionals Network (YPN) seeks to join together emerging young construction professionals ages 40 and under at the early stages of their career.



**DATE:** Wednesday, June 4

**TIME:** 11:00am - 1:00pm

**LOCATION:** [Minnesota Builders Exchange](#) (1123 Glenwood Ave, Minneapolis, Minn., 55405)

**COST:** 2 complimentary tickets per member company. Additional tickets can be purchased at \$20 each.

### [Register Here](#)

Join MBEX's Board of Directors and staff for lunch where we'd like to show our appreciation for our members' continued and ongoing support of the Exchange. Lunch will be catered by Famous Dave's, serving up BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, sweet corn, corn bread, and cold beverages.



**DATE:** Tuesday, June 17

**TIME:** Lunch @ 11:00am | Shotgun start @ 12:30pm | Dinner @ 6:00pm

**LOCATION:** [Oak Glen Golf Course](#) (1599 McKusick Road N, Stillwater, Minn., 55082)

**COST:** \$160 per golfer | \$640 per foursome

Enjoy a day of golfing, networking, and team bonding out on the beautiful greens of Oak Glen against the back drop of a beautiful summer's day.



### Construction Economy Snapshot: March 2025

As mentioned in a previous *Weekly Bulletin*, 2025 started with a whimper as year-on-year Total Construction in January came in 28% below the prior January's level. February's comparative performance was only modestly better with year-on-year results down 19%.

All three primary construction segments for the month were below their year-ago level led by Residential Construction (down 32.7%) and followed closely by Nonresidential Building (down 29.9%). Even Civil Construction, which was the best and only positive performance last year, is down 6.1% year-to-date.

Such dour results are not expected to last as the new presidential administration's pro-growth and pro-business agenda unfolds. However, these expectations will be challenged by stubborn inflation, which clocked in at 2.8% in its latest reading. Higher inflation elevates borrowing costs for owners and developers, erodes the profitability of future construction projects, and with it, hobbles new construction demands.

#### Where the Projects are (and aren't) Performing

A handful of megaprojects sent YTD results for Airports, Power Infrastructure, and Bridges soaring above their peers.

Through February, Manufacturing, All Other Civil, and Hotel / Motels were among the weakest performers based on YTD results. This was largely caused by exceptionally strong readings in early 2024.

Looking ahead, risks to publicly-funded projects, especially Governmental Offices, could result in considerable downside risks for select categories in 2025.

#### Best Performing Large Dollar Categories YTD

- Airports: + 332%
- Power Infrastructure: + 107%
- Bridges: + 42%
- Sport & Convention Centers: + 38%
- Government Offices: + 22%

#### Underperforming Large Dollar Categories YTD

- Manufacturing: - 79%
- All Other Civil: - 78%
- Hotels / Motels: - 70%
- Privates Offices (including Data Centers): - 66%
- Multi-Family: - 62%

#### Should Firms Invest in Materials or Laborers?

Tariffs certainly made a lot of noise during March, causing many in the construction



industry to exasperate themselves over tariffs and rising material prices. Certainly, tariffs can create steep and rapid disruptions to price stability.

However, as was experienced during the 2018-2019 tariffs imposed during the first Trump presidency, the long-run impacts were far more muted. Domestic production ramped up and prices for metals fell below pre-tariff levels. In contrast, today's construction labor market remains a primary structural concern for the industry and one to keep an eye on, despite any other disruptions that come along in 2025.

Although some reports thus far in the year have suggested that labor tightness is easing, this may be for seasonal reasons. The early months of every calendar year typically see a decline in total construction employees before payrolls surge as the calendar moves into the early summer months. This season's easing may be hiding the symptom's of today's eroding supply of construction workers resulting in part from the removal of unauthorized workers from the construction labor market.

According to data provided by the Census Bureau in 2022, nearly 30% of construction workers self-identified as foreign-born. Furthermore, recent survey estimates suggest that 10% of the total construction workforce could be unauthorized to work and at immediate risk of deportation. Additionally, certain sub-trades --- led by roofing --- appear to be especially at risk to the loss of unauthorized workers. One recent survey suggest that nearly 40% of roofers may be unauthorized.

This year's unprecedented changes mean that many construction firms will have to choose between spending their working capital on increasing inventories in an attempt to get ahead of tariffs, or spend that capital nearer the peak of this year's construction season to ensure they can hire sufficient workers. One could argue that having stockpiles of lower-priced materials, but with too few qualified installers is a worse outcome than passing along higher material prices while keeping the crews that are essential for their installation.

#### **Construction Employment Update**

February's total construction hiring added 19,000 jobs to the construction labor force from the month prior. When compared to the same month a year ago, the latest reading is still 4,000 jobs down.

The majority of the month's jobs were created in the residential sub-trades field, which added 13,000 workers. The remaining four sub-segments of the construction industry each reported 3,000 or fewer workers added to payrolls during the month.

#### **Nonresidential Construction Starts**

Regional Nonresidential activity in the year-to-date period through February continues to emphasize a strong West-East divide.

In the West and Mountain regions, spending YTD is down over 40% from a year ago. Of note, California, which accounts for half of all West spending, is down only 9%.

Spending trends improve relatively as one moves eastward. The West South Central, East South Central, and East North Central are each down in the vicinity of 20%. Only the West North Central regional is performing significantly better, with a less than 5% contraction YTD.

Along the West Coast, between Maine and New Jersey, conditions are at their best, with the New England and Middle Atlantic regions both reporting YTD growth of over 25%. The South Atlantic region between Delaware and Florida, in contrast, has contracted by over 6% YTD.

*Below, Nonresidential Construction Starts for the five MBEX-covered states:*

	<b>Jan-Feb 2024</b>	<b>Jan-Feb 2025</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	\$912,737,850	\$998,005,885	9.3%
<b>North Dakota</b>	\$313,442,425	\$417,798,350	33.3%
<b>South Dakota</b>	\$371,284,758	\$351,171,522	-5.4%
<b>Iowa</b>	\$665,012,383	\$471,602,992	- 29.1%
<b>Wisconsin</b>	\$1,694,594,596	\$760,075,513	- 55.1%

For a deeper dive, check out ConstructConnect's full Construction Economy Snapshot.

[See ConstructConnect's March 2025 Industry Snapshot](#)

# MBEX BY THE NUMBERS

RECAP OF THE PAST 28 DAYS (FEBRUARY)



## MBEX March Round-Up

At the start of each month, we look back at MBEX's past 30-some days to review project progress, Online Plan Room stats, and membership achievements.

Numbers reflected below share data from the date range of March 1-31, 2025.

Total # of Projects Added (March 2025)

**544**

Total # of Projects Added (March 2024)

**370**

Total # of Projects YTD (Jan. 1-Mar. 31)

**1,633**

New Member Companies Joined

**21**

No. of Plan Issuers

**298**

No. of Members & Non-Members Added to Bidders Lists

**7,821**

## Top 10 Most Viewed Projects (March 1-31, 2025)

(1.) City of New Prague - Police Addition

• Total Visitors: 8,173  
• Total Unique Visitors: 521

(2.) Apple Valley High School Activity Center Addition - Rosemount / Apple Valley / Eagan Schools - ISD 196

- **Bid Date:** *March 25, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *New Prague, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Local Government*
- **Project Type:** *Addition*

• **Project ID:** 2025-0322

### **(3.) Scott Highlands Middle School - Addition & Renovations - ISD 196**

- **Total Visitors:** *5,171*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *416*

- **Bid Date:** *March 25, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Apple Valley, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Educational*
- **Project Type:** *Remodeling / Renovation*

• **Project ID:** 2025-03FD

### **(5.) Cottage Grove Middle School & Lake Middle School - Additions & Renovations - ISD 833**

- **Total Visitors:** *4,450*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *353*

- **Bid Date:** *March 27, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Various, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Educational*
- **Project Type:** *Addition*

• **Project ID:** 2025-0448

### **(7.) Big Lake Middle School - Media Center Renovations - ISD 727**

- **Total Visitors:** *3,563*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *352*

- **Bid Date:** *March 20, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Big Lake, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Educational*
- **Project Type:** *Remodeling / Renovation*

• **Project ID:** 2025-044C

### **(9.) UA Local 11 - Duluth Facility - Building Addition**

- **Total Visitors:** *3,201*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *262*

- **Bid Date:** *March 28, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Duluth, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Local Government*
- **Project Type:** *Addition*

• **Project ID:** 2025-03F9

• **Total Visitors:** *8,116*

- **Bid Date:** *March 13, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Apple Valley, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Educational*
- **Project Type:** *Addition*

• **Project ID:** 2025-00A1

### **(4.) Northland Learning Center - New Facility**

- **Total Visitors:** *4,681*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *397*

- **Bid Date:** *March 25, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Virginia, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Educational*
- **Project Type:** *New Construction*

• **Project ID:** 2025-00A3

### **(6.) Waterville Fire Station**

- **Total Visitors:** *4,160*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *334*

- **Bid Date:** *March 18, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Waterville, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Storage / Warehouse*
- **Project Type:** *New Construction*

• **Project ID:** 2025-0402

### **(8.) Law Enforcement Center - Judicial Addition - Pierce County**

- **Total Visitors:** *3,541*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *277*

- **Bid Date:** *April 2, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Ellsworth, Wisc.*
- **Project Category:** *Correctional Facility*
- **Project Type:** *Addition*

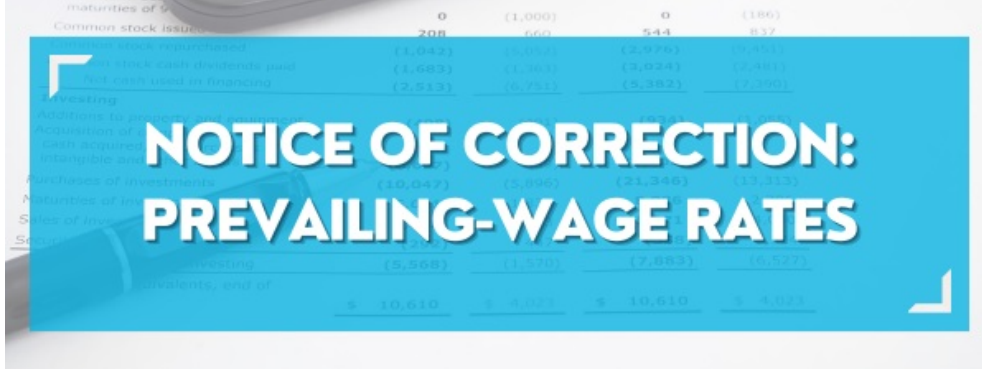
• **Project ID:** 2025-049A

### **(10.) Palmer Lake Elementary School - 2023 Referendum Alteration - ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools**

- **Total Visitors:** *2,950*
- **Total Unique Visitors:** *334*

- **Bid Date:** *March 25, 2025*
- **Project Location:** *Brooklyn Park, Minn.*
- **Project Category:** *Educational*
- **Project Type:** *Alterations*

• **Project ID:** 2025-045D



## Notice of Correction to Prevailing-Wage Rates

The commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) certified prevailing-wage rates for highway and heavy construction projects in all 10 regions on Monday, November 18, 2024, and prevailing-wage rates for commercial construction projects in all 87 counties on Monday, December 23, 2024.

These rates were identified by annual survey of construction projects in Minnesota collected by DLI.

This notice regards a correction to highway / heavy wage rates. These corrections are for all public works contracts advertised for bid on or after the date of March 24, 2025.

- Highway / Heavy Regions 7 and 9 (Job Code 729).

This notice regards a correction to commercial wage rates. These corrections are for all public works contracts advertised for bid on or after the date of March 24, 2025.

- Underground and Open Ditch Laborer (Job Code 109) in Benton County.
- Survey Field Technician (Job Code 110) in Goodhue County.
- Landscaping Equipment (Job Code 203) in Goodhue County.
- Commercial Cement Masons (Job Code 706) in the counties of Anoka, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Ottertail.
- Commercial Roofers (Job Code 720) in the counties of Fillmore and Winona.
- Asbestos Abatement Worker (Job Code 729) in the counties of Aitkin, Anoka, Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Chisago, Cook, Cottonwood, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Itasca, Jackson, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Ottertail, Pine, Pipestone, Pope, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, St. Louis, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wadena, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, Winona, Wright, and Yellow Medicine.

The revised wage determinations and all other wage rate determinations are [available online](#).

If you have questions, contact the prevailing-wage staff at [\(651\) 284-5192](tel:651-284-5192) or [pwsurvey.dli@state.mn.us](mailto:pwsurvey.dli@state.mn.us).

[See Emailed DLI Notice](#)



# UPCOMING MBEX EVENTS

A valuable benefit of an MBEX membership is invitations to our social and educational events; by being an employee of a member company, you too can take advantage and attend any and all MBEX-sponsored events.

*\*\* indicates a newly added or updated event*

## **April 11 - Construction Estimating Principles & Application**

Great estimators know that to be competitive and competent in the current market their companies must continually be in search of an edge, asking the question, "How can we approach this project differently than our competition?" [Sign Up Here](#)

## **April 16 - Reading Construction Documents [Part 1]**

From navigating title block information to combing through specification documents, participants will learn how to navigate a project and understand the material, construction requirements, and basics of reading construction documentation. [Sign Up Here](#)

## **April 16 - MBEX Spring Social -Early Bird Pricing Ends 4/4!**

At this annual social, this MBEX event provides members the opportunity to mingle, network, and deepen connections with other industry professionals. We will also be joined by two special guest speakers: Todd Rapp & Sean Oyaas of Rapp Strategies. [Register Here](#)

## **April 17 - Online Plan Room Demo**

From navigating the Despad, setting up filters, understanding project information, and adding your company to a project's bidders lists, this free one-hour session is a great introduction to our Online Plan Room. [Register Here](#)

## **April 17 - Reading Construction Documents [Part 2]**

Part 2 of this online program taught by UChapter2.

## **\*\* May 1 & 2 - Minnesota Construction Teacher Conference**

The MCTC engage secondary and post-secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators of the construction trades in cutting-edge professional development supported by the industry. [Learn More](#)

## **May 6 - Bluebeam 1: Baseline Basics**

Attendees will learn interface navigation including menu dropdowns, toolbars, various tool panels, keyboard shortcuts and a few recommended settings. While learning various markup and measurement tools, several tips and tricks will be shared to increase accuracy and speed. [Register Here](#)

## **May 7 - Bluebeam 2: Material Takeoffs & Estimates (Basic)**

Attendees will go through the standard measurement tools and settings, then move into various customization options and discuss the results in the Markups List. [Register Now](#)

## **May 7 - Young Professionals Network (YPN)**

From college students, graduates and interns, to those just getting started within the construction industry, the MBEX Young Professionals Network creates a forum for emerging young professionals, providing resources to connect and begin networking. [Register Now](#)

## **May 8 - Bluebeam 3: Material Takeoffs & Estimates (Advanced)**

After finishing the Bluebeam Takeoffs & Estimates (Basic) course, attendees will move into creating custom columns, embedding formulas, and information organization. [Register Here](#)

## **May 26 - Memorial Day**

MBEX will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

## \*\* June 4 - Member Appreciation BBQ

Join MBEX for a casual afternoon of Famous Dave's barbecue, cold beverages, a handful of door prizes, and great company and networking. [Register Here](#)

## \*\* June 17 - Twin Cities Golf Tournament

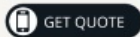
Gather a foursome of golfers for a day out on the greens at Oak Glen's course in Stillwater for a par-tee with MBEX, fellow members, coworkers, and clients, complete with a grilled lunch, 18-holes, happy hour, awards and door prize giveaways, and dinner. *Registration Opening on Thursday (4/3)*

[View 2025 MBEX Events Calendar](#)



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## CONSTRUCTION HEADLINES

Five construction-related headlines you need to read over the next coffee break.

### TARIFFS

#### [Construction Managers Grapple With Budgeting, Risk in Trump Tariff Era](#)

Construction firms increasingly find themselves taking part in drawn-out negotiations, questions about who should pay for which tariff and escalating risk in adding time to any development endeavor. But with the seesawing nature of tariff application by the federal government and the uncertainty that has come with potential trade wars, many construction analysts believe contract challenges remain ahead. *(BisNow)*

### INFRASTRUCTURE

#### [The U.S. Just Got Its Best Infrastructure Report Card: Work is Far From Over](#)

In 1998, the American Society of Civil Engineers put out its first report card for US infrastructure and gave it a D. Little progress was made in the subsequent years until 2021, when ASCE handed out its first overall C- grade. On March 26th, ASCE released its 2025 report card and gave out its most flattering grade yet: a C. While a C might seem pedestrian on paper, there are a plethora of smaller victories within the report that add important context. *(Smart Brief)*

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

#### [6% of Architects Use A.I. Regularly](#)

Even as the hype around artificial intelligence grows, a small share of U.S.-based architects regularly use A.I. for their jobs, according to a new report from the American Institute of Architects. Although 6% of architects have implemented the tech regularly, 53% have experimented with A.I. Of that 6% regularly using the tech, 91% use chatbots, 70% use image generators, and 61% use grammar support and text analytics, according to the report. *(Construction Dive)*

### LABOR & WORKFORCE

#### [Building a Strong Construction Workforce Under Immigration Policy Changes](#)

Potential deportation policies will only increase the construction labor workforce crisis, as added shortages will lead to completion delays, potential safety hazards, and increased costs. Unfortunately, the accelerated deterioration of the labor force supply will likely be detrimental to the industry. Looking to the future, companies must prepare for changes before they start happening to protect themselves from not being able to keep up with demand. It's crucial to take a proactive approach now. *(For Construction Pros)*

## OFFICE / RETAIL / MIXED-USE

### □ [Team Delivers Manhattan Supertall Tower on a Quarter-Acre Parcel](#)

Supertall buildings may no longer be a novelty, but that doesn't mean they've become easier to build. Manhattan tower 520 Fifth Avenue, a 1,002-foot-tall, 450,000-square-foot mixed-use structure on track for completion later this year is a case in point. Rising from a constrained quarter-acre corner site at the busy intersection of Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street in midtown, the project has a crowded setting that required general contractor Suffolk Construction to combine its supertall building experience with what the company says are "advanced data analytics and cutting-edge technology" to efficiently plan and execute each phase," an effort that began well before construction got underway in January 2022. (*Construction Dive*)



## PROJECT OF THE WEEK



### School Districts Seek \$200M+ in Bond Referendums

#### [Read more on Finance & Commerce](#)

Several Minnesota school districts are seeking voter approval more than \$200-million in bond referendums this April, with projects ranging from security upgrades to new career and technical education facilities.

St. Cloud, Pequot Lakes, Nevis, and Osakis are among the districts aiming to modernize their schools, improve safety, and expand learning opportunities. If approved, construction on some of these projects could begin as early as next year.

#### **St. Cloud School District - \$50M + \$15M**

- \$50-million for security upgrades, storm shelter improvements, and renovations to Apollo High School's career and technical education spaces.
- An additional \$15-million request for a new multi-purpose athletic facility at Apollo High School.

#### **Pequot Lakes School District - \$55M + \$6M Levy**

- \$55-million for additional classrooms, safety improvements, and career-technical education space.
- A separate \$6-million, 10-year capital project levy for facility improvements.

#### **Nevis School District - \$41.55M**

- Safety, maintenance, and athletic facility upgrades.
- Career and technical education space improvements.

**Osakis School District - \$32.6M**

- Demolition of an outdated 1940s auditorium and construction of a new 600-seat facility.
- Expansion of the career and technical education program to better align with student interest and workforce needs.
- Security upgrades and general facility improvements.

Each district hopes to address aging infrastructure, keep up with modern educational demands, and create safer learning environments for students.

ABOVE PHOTO: Rendering by JLG Architects of Apollo High School in St. Cloud that the district hopes will receive approval for a \$50-million bond referendum to improve safety and upgrade career and technical education spaces.



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## UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS



**DBE Construction Academy: Resource Management**  
Presented by *Minnesota Department of Transportation*

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 8

**TIME:** 11:00am - 12:30pm

**LOCATION:** Virtual Event

**COST:** Free

[Register Here](#)

This course will consist of intermediate and advanced topics related to managing labor and materials costs. Gain a better understanding of the labor market and be able to assess project labor needs and costs. Gain a basic understanding of prevailing wage requirements in relation to resource management. Learn to manage the equipment, tools, and materials required for a project.

Speakers include:

- Jason Price - Business Project Manager
- Trish Moreno-Ramos - Marketing & Project Coordinator
- Brad Young - Small Business Project Consultant



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## MEMBER BENEFITS



### Benefit of the Week: Hertz Car Rentals

LET'S GO!

Through [National Purchasing Partners \(NPP\)](#), MBEX Members can now save big on Hertz car rentals for business travel.

Special contract pricing is available on a wide selection of vehicles including sedans, SUVs, trucks, electric vehicles, 12-passenger vans, and box trucks where available.



Additional benefits include:

- Weekly and Monthly rates available;
- Discount pricing in the U.S., Canada, and Europe;
- Join Gold Plus Rewards for free; and
- Members aged 20 years and older qualify for the special rates with no additional charge.

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(We promise there is ZERO obligation to buy.)

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Plus, when you [enroll via our special NPP sign-up page](#), MBEX receives a small royalty to further support our member services.

## PROJECT INFORMATION + UPDATES

- Total Projects Received at MBEX from 3/24/2025 - 3/28/2025: **96**
- Total Project Leads Reported on at MBEX from 3/24/2025 - 3/28/2025: **6**
- Total Active Projects Received / Reported on at MBEX as of 4/1/2025: **445**
- Total New Projects in the Online Plan Room as of 4/1/2025: **1,671**

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Click the button above to view the most recent project data from 3/26/2025 - 4/1/2025.

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#### UPCOMING MBEX EVENTS

- [April 11](#) - Construction Estimating Principles & Application [Online Course]
- [April 16 & 17](#) - Reading Construction Documents [2-Day Online Course]
- [April 16](#) - MBEX Spring Social
- [April 17](#) - Online Plan Room Demo
- [May 1](#) - Minnesota Construction Teachers Conference
- [May 6](#) - Bluebeam 1: Baseline Basics
- [May 7](#) - Bluebeam 2: Material Takeoffs & Estimates (Basic)
- [May 7](#) - Young Professionals Network (YPN) Networking Event
- [May 8](#) - Bluebeam 3: Material Takeoffs & Estimates (Advanced)
- [May 15](#) - Online Plan Room Demo
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