



# MINNESOTA BUILDERS EXCHANGE

# Weekly Bulletin

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January was an incredible month for membership. As you'll see later in this issue, we rolled out the welcome mat for **25 new companies** --- covering a wide range of construction services. Most are right here in Minnesota, but we've got a couple beyond our borders, too. Take a moment to give them a call or send a quick 'welcome!' email --- you never know where a new connection might lead! ☐ ☐ ☐



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

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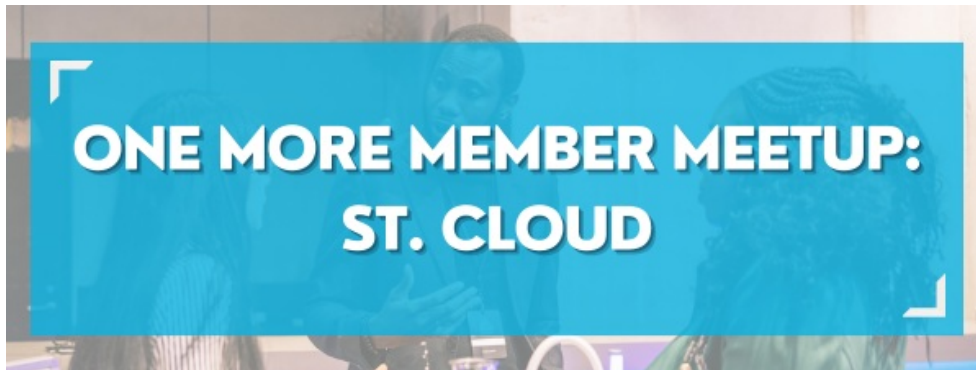
## Five Quick Things To Know / Do This Week:

- 1.) **NEW LOOK:** The MBEX Nightly Updates email has [a fresh new look](#). The information shared inside this daily email remains the same, but the text is now larger and bolder, making it easier to read those project updates in the wee morning hours.
- 2.) **BLUEBEAM COURSES:** Click over to our [online events calendar](#) to see upcoming Bluebeam Revu classes coming in April and May, presented in partnership with UChapter2. Kicking this next round of courses off is a new Construction Estimating Principles & Applications course on April 11th.
- 3.) **TAX SEASON:** It's that time of year. Again. To help you prepare for this year, and for years down the road, here are [year-round tax tips](#) from a construction accountant.
- 4.) **AMAZON'S BACK:** Amazon has acquired over 95-acres of [the former Thomson Reuters campus](#) in Eagan (aka "Project Nova"), supporting other indicators that the ecommerce giant is involved in a redevelopment of the site.
- 5.) **LAUGH & ADMIT IT:** [You know you do it, too](#) 😊 ☐ ☐

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## Don't Miss Our Last Member Meetup

We're down to our last Regional Member Meetup in St. Cloud next week!

If you haven't joined us yet, this is your final chance to connect with regional industry pros, enjoy great food and drinks, and learn more about the benefits of MBEX --- all in a laidback, fun atmosphere.

- **DATE:** Tuesday, March 4
- **TIME:** 3:00pm - 6:00pm
- **LOCATION:** [Crooked Pint Ale House](#) (58 Division Street, Waite Park, Minn., 56387)

Here's why you don't want to miss it:

### Great Networking

- Meet MBEX member, industry partners, and potential new connections in your area.

### Free Drinks & Appetizers

- Because everything's better with good food and a cold (or hot) drink in hand.

### Safety Talk with The Builders Group (TBG)

- Get a quick, valuable safety update from the pros.

### Games & Giveaways

- A little friendly competition and some great prizes to take home.

Whether you're a long-time MBEX member, new to the Exchange, or just curious about what we offer, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved, meet fellow construction professionals, and unwind after a busy workday.

This event is free, but we ask that you register in advance so we can have plenty of food and drinks ready.

*Sign up today and we'll see you in St. Cloud!*



These meetups are presented in partnership with [The Builders Group \(TBG\)](#), the [Minnesota Concrete Council](#), and the [Electrical Association](#).

[Register Here](#)



# INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

## What Makes an Independent Contractor?

If you hire independent contractors, listen up. Minnesota is making some big changes to how workers are classified, and it's about to get more complicated.

Starting March 1, 2025, construction businesses will need to use a 14-factor test to determine whether a worker is truly an independent contractor. That's a big jump from the current 9-factor test, and if you get it wrong, you could be looking at fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

## What's Changing?

Right now, you might be used to the five-factor test that applies to most industries, or the nine-factor test that's already in place for construction. But soon, you'll need to check off all 14 requirements to classify someone as an independent contractor.

Those 14 requirements are as follows:

- (1.) **Established Business** - The worker's business is set up and maintained separately from the company hiring them.
- (2.) **Owns or Leases Equipment** - The worker owns, rents, or leases the tools, vehicles, materials, supplies, office space, or other facilities needed for the job.
- (3.) **Works for Multiple Clients** - The worker provides or offers their services to multiple businesses or the general public.
- (4.) **Complies with Tax Requirements** - The worker has a federal employer identification number (if required); a Minnesota tax ID number (if required); received and retained 1099 forms for income (if required); filed business or self-employment tax returns for construction work in the past 12-months; and provided a W-9 to the hiring business (if required).
- (5.) **Good Standing** - The workers' business is in good standing with state and federal requirements.
- (6.) **Unemployment Insurance Account** - The worker has a Minnesota unemployment insurance account (if required).
- (7.) **Workers' Compensation Insurance** - The worker has valid workers' comp coverage (if required).
- (8.) **Licenses & Registrations** - The worker holds all necessary business licenses, registrations, and certifications.
- (9.) **Written Contract** - The worker and hiring business have a signed and dated contract that is executed no later than 30 days after work starts; lists the specific services to be performed; specifies payment by commission, per-job, or competitive bid (not hourly or salary); and allows for change orders, but they must follow the contract terms.
- (10.) **Invoices & Non-Cash Payments** - The worker submits invoices and receives payment check, direct deposit, and other non-cash methods.
- (11.) **Control Over the Work** - The contract gives the worker control over how the work is performed, and the worker actually exercises that control.

(12.) **Responsible for Expenses** - The worker covers major expenses and costs related to their services.

(13.) **Liability for Worker Completion** - The worker is responsible for finishing the job (or failing to do so).

(14.) **Profit or Loss Risk** - The worker has the potential to make a profit or take a loss, depending on their expenses versus the compensation in their contract.

### **Why It Matters?**

The state wants to make sure independent contractors are truly independent --- meaning they run their own business, cover their own expenses, and aren't just working under a different label to avoid employee benefits.

If a contractor doesn't meet all 14 of the new requirements, they'll legally be considered an employee, meaning the company hiring them could be responsible for things like unemployment insurance, workers' comp, and payroll taxes.

### **What Should You Do?**

- Review Your Contracts --- make sure they meet the new standards.
- Double-Check Licensing & Insurance --- if your subs don't have the right paperwork, you could be on the hook.
- Stay Informed --- these rules are strict, and enforcement is ramping up.

This is a big deal for Minnesota's construction industry, and businesses will need to stay ahead of the game to avoid costly mistakes. If you're unsure whether your contractors meet the new criteria, now's the time to start reviewing your agreements before the March deadline.

We should also note that [a lawsuit has been filed](#) by Associated Builders & Contractors of Minnesota & North Dakota (ABC), the Builders Association of Minnesota (BAM), and J&M Consulting challenging the state. We will keep an eye on the latest and be sure to share necessary updates as they become available.

[Dive Deeper with 'The Work Week with Bassford Remele'](#)

# NEW MEMBERS

COMPANIES WHO JOINED  
THE EXCHANGE IN JANUARY



## **NEW MEMBERS: See Who Joined in January**

Before we turn the page on the second month of the year, we need to take a look a little further back at the new companies who joined the Exchange throughout the month of January.

Please help us give a warm welcome to the following new members (and there's quite a few)!

## BARBER CONSTRUCTION



### Barber Construction

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[www.doorco.us](http://www.doorco.us)

*Door Service & Installations*

### Facility Maintenance (FMI)

Hermantown, Minn.

PH: [\(218\) 428-5331](tel:2184285331)

[www.facilmain.com](http://www.facilmain.com)

*Building Maintenance  
& Construction*



### Granite Tops

Cold Spring, Minn.

PH: [\(320\) 685-3005](tel:3206853005)

[www.stonecountertopoutlet.com](http://www.stonecountertopoutlet.com)

*Stone Countertop Fabricator*

### Haataja Contracting

Menahga, Minn.

PH: [\(218\) 564-5634](tel:2185645634)

[www.haatajacontracting.com](http://www.haatajacontracting.com)

*General Contractor*

### Homeplace Commercial Duct Cleaning

Minneapolis, Minn.

PH: [\(651\) 451-5800](tel:6514515800)

[www.homeplacefurnace.com](http://www.homeplacefurnace.com)

*Heating & Furnace*

## J & J CONTRACTING

## J P CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION



### J & J Contracting

International Falls, Minn.

PH: [\(218\) 290-6469](tel:2182906469)

*General Contractor*

### J P Concrete Construction

Cokato, Minn.

PH: [\(763\) 439-5597](tel:7634395597)

*Concrete*

### Lush Industries

Bloomington, Minn.

PH: [\(612\) 386-0783](tel:6123860783)

[www.lushmn.com](http://www.lushmn.com)

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[www.mnnortherncontracting.com](http://www.mnnortherncontracting.com)  
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**Trap Energy Solutions**  
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& Roll-Off Dumpster Rental*



Experts from Oracle, Nemetschek Group, and Trunk Tools share their thoughts and tips for where the construction sector might go in 2025 when it comes to technology trends.

### **Predictive Safety: Preventing Accidents Before They Happen**

AI-powered safety systems are becoming essential on construction sites. By analyzing real-time data, including live video feeds, these tools can foresee potential hazards, allowing for proactive measures to prevent accidents.

### **Green Building Materials Innovation**

Innovations focused on eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient building practices are gaining traction, driven by environmental concerns and regulatory pressures.

### **Digital Twins - Unlocking the Insights**

Creating visual replicas of physical structures enables continuous monitoring and optimization throughout a building's lifecycle. This technology facilitates better decision-making and maintenance planning.

### **Talent Solutions & Robotics**

The adoption of automated machinery and robots is increasing efficiency and precision in construction tasks, from bricklaying to site inspections, reducing manual labor and enhancing safety.

### **Conversational AI-Based Interfaces for Improved Data Access**

Ensuring that various digital tools and platforms can seamlessly communicate is becoming a priority. Improved interoperability enhances collaboration among stakeholders and streamlines project workflows.

### **Augmented Realty (AR) & Virtual Realty (VR)**

AR and VR technologies are being utilized for immersive project visualization, training, and design validation, allowing stakeholders to experience and modify projects in a virtual environment before construction begins.

These trends are poised to transform construction practices, leading to safer, more efficient, and sustainable project outcomes.

[Read More](#)



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 event*

### **March 2-8 - Women in Construction Week**

WIC Week, or Women in Construction Week, celebrates and promotes the role of women



in the construction industry. The first WIC Week was celebrated in 1998 and it has grown and expanded each year since. This year's theme: Together We Rise. [Learn More](#)

#### **March 4 - MBEX Regional Member Meetup: St. Cloud**

Join us together with The Builders Group (TBG), the Minnesota Concrete Council, and the Electrical Association for a casual gathering with food, drinks, and networking. [Register Here](#)

#### **\*\* March 20 - Online Plan Room Demo**

From navigating the Desktop, 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 2 - 2025 Q1 Construction Economic Update & Forecast**

ABC Chief Economist, Anirban Basu, will cover up-to-the-minute information on general economic conditions, such as inflation and interest rates, employment figures and risks lurking in the economy, as well as changes the second Trump administration may bring to tariffs, federal construction spending, and more. [Sign Up Here](#)

#### **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**

An annual social event providing members the opportunity to mingle, network and deepen their connections with fellow industry professionals. *Registration will open in early March.*

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

Part 2 of this online program taught by UChapter2.

#### **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 will create a forum for emerging young professionals, providing resources to connect and begin networking. [Email Melanie](#) to be added to the YPN mailing list. *Registration will open in March.*

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## NOW HIRING

[Kraft Mechanical](#) is looking for a full-time Commercial Plumbing Estimator who is responsible for evaluating and estimating the cost, bid specifications and drawings involved in plumbing projects and ensuring that all required items are completed to successfully bid projects, specifically for commercial buildings and properties.

This role requires technical knowledge and the ability to assess materials, labor, and time required to complete plumbing installations and repairs.



#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Analyze project blueprints, specifications, and other documents to determine the scope of work and materials needed for plumbing installations and repairs.
- Calculate materials and labor costs to prepare detailed estimates for commercial plumbing projects.
- Identify potential cost-saving opportunities while maintaining project quality & compliance.
- Conduct site visits to assess existing plumbing systems, identify potential issues & ensure accurate estimations.

See full Job Posting for all Primary Responsibilities

#### Preferred Qualifications

- Thorough understanding of the company's policies, procedures, systems & objectives.
- Advanced knowledge of estimating strategies and techniques.
- Ability to accurately estimate costs, identify discrepancies & ensure project alignment.
- Proficiency in reading blueprints, technical drawings, construction documents & specifications.

See full Job Posting for all Preferred Qualifications

#### To Apply

Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to [molly@kraftcm.com](mailto:molly@kraftcm.com).

*Kraft Mechanical is an Equal Opportunity Employer that does not discriminate on the basis of disability, veteran status, or any other basis protected under federal, state, or local laws.*

[View Job Posting](#)

## CONSTRUCTION HEADLINES

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

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

#### [ABC Economist Shares 2025 Construction Outlook](#)

To assessing emerging trends and both current and future concerns of the construction industry, *Equipment Today* spoke with experts throughout the industry. In this conversation, Zack Fritz, an economist with Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), offers insights into today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities. *(For Construction Pros)*

### COMMERCIAL BUILDING

#### [Contractors Brace for Steel, Aluminum Tariff Impacts](#)

President Trump signed executive orders on February 10th implementing 25% tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports into the U.S., effective March 12th. The move could have a harmful effect on project momentum. Steel and aluminum are both fundamental components of construction materials, meaning price increases will likely ripple through the industry. *(Construction Dive)*

### SUSTAINABILITY

#### [Origami-Like Construction Design Uses 60% Less Concrete & 90% Less Steel](#)

Researchers with ETH Zurich have pioneered a concrete structure alternative --- a vaulted concrete design that achieves the same stability with much thinner sections and no steel reinforcement. This concrete technique uses clever geometric designs inspired by origami to distribute forces more efficiently, cutting concrete use by 60% and reinforcement steel by 90%. *(BGR)*

### MATERIAL INPUT PRICES

#### [Materials Prices Increase 1.4% in January, Up 50.5% Since February 2020](#)

Construction input prices increased 1.4% in January compared to the previous month. Nonresidential construction input prices increased 0.9% for the month. Overall construction input prices are 1.3% higher than a year ago. Prices increased in all three energy subcategories last month. Crude petroleum prices increased 14.8%, while natural gas and unprocessed energy material prices increased 13.7% and 13.0%, respectively. *(Construction Business Owner)*

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### ☐☐ [Research Uses AI to Make Infrastructure More Resilient, Sustainable](#)

From predicting potholes to designing more durable concrete, artificial intelligence is paving the way for smarter infrastructure, a University of Mississippi researcher says. In one of his most recent publications, this Ole Miss doctoral student tested different artificial intelligence algorithms' abilities to predict how well asphalt pavements with reclaimed asphalt pavement materials could withstand moisture. *(The University of Mississippi)*



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## PROJECT OF THE WEEK



### BioMADE Seeks State Help for Major Maple Grove Expansion

[Read more on Finance & Commerce](#)

BioMADE is seeking state assistance for a planned major expansion in Maple Grove, the latest proposed investment in the city's gravel mining area.

A public notice from the state of Minnesota reveals that the organization, dedicated to enhancing U.S. biomedical competitiveness and expanding the biomanufacturing workforce, has applied for up to \$50-million from the Minnesota Forward Fund program, which offers state match requirements for federal funding programs, such as the CHIPS Act.

As part of the expansion, BioMADE wants to build out space within an existing 122,400-square-foot building at 7500 Meridian Circle in Maple Grove. The light industrial building has been vacant for a couple of years.

Located in the gravel mining area, the BioMADE space will provide "research and development and small-scale manufacturing services to industry and the federal government, particularly the Department of Defense," according to the public notice. The new facility will also create 25 new jobs and will feature "workforce training components."

A 2023 news release noted that BioMADE planned to invest in a new "state-of-the-art" facility in Minnesota, but a specific site wasn't revealed.

The application is the subject of a March 7th public hearing in St. Paul.

PICTURED ABOVE: Photo by JLL of the BioMADE facility that has proposed an expansion to build out space within the existing 122,400-square-foot building in Maple Grove.

## Running a 401(k) doesn't have to be a challenge



Find out if the MBEX 401(k) MEP is right for your company. Call Daniel at 612-743-4961



## UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS



### Fall-Protection Training Requirements

Presented by *Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry*

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 18

**TIME:** 7:00am-8:30am

**LOCATION:**

- In-Person - Minnesota Dept. of Labor & Industry (443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul)
- Virtually

[Learn More](#)

**COST:** Free!

**PRESENTER:** Lee Craig - Supervisor, Minnesota OSHA Compliance

At the next Construction Seminar, Minnesota OSHA Compliance will focus on fall protection and the training of workers about the use of fall protection.

Lack of fall protection and fall-protection training are in the top 10 most cited standards for federal-fiscal-year 2024.

Learn what an employer's fall-protection training should consist of and look like, what the certification of training should include, and when retraining is needed.

## MEMBER BENEFITS



### Benefit of the Week: Save on Fuel with Kwik Trip

No matter the size of your business, the Kwik Trip fuel management program is ready to help you take control at the pump

#### Expanded Convenience

Two great acceptance networks to choose from so your drivers will never be short on fuel locations.

#### Control Your Business

Track driver habits and help limit misuse to grow your bottom line.



#### Save on Fuel & Maintenance

The Kwik Trip card has a comprehensive set of offerings to help you and your business save.

On top of the many benefits available via the fuel management program, MBEX Members will save 7-cents per gallon on gasoline and diesel at all Kwik Trip locations, as well as receive 10% off most in-store purchases, including car washes and auto supplies.

Ready to get started? Contact Noah Skifton with questions or to apply(*do not apply online*): [\(608\) 351-7168](tel:6083517168) | [nskifton@kwiktrip.com](mailto:nskifton@kwiktrip.com) | [Download Flyer](#)

## PROJECT INFORMATION + UPDATES

- Total Projects Received at MBEX from 2/17/2025 - 2/21/2025: **114**
- Total Project Leads Reported on at MBEX from 2/17/2025 - 2/21/2025: **37**
- Total Active Projects Received / Reported on at MBEX as of 2/25/2025: **524**
- Total New Projects in the Online Plan Room as of 2/25/2025: **1,011**

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### UPCOMING MBEX EVENTS

- [March 2-8](#) - Women in Construction Week
- [March 4](#) - Regional Member Meetup: St. Cloud
- [March 20](#) - Online Plan Room Demo
- [April 2](#) - 2025 Q1 Construction Economic Update & Forecast
- [April 11](#) - Construction Estimating Principles & Application [Online Course]
- [April 16 & 17](#) - Reading Construction Documents [2-Day Online Course]
- [April 16](#) - MBEX Spring Social
- [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)

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