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PROJECT UPDATE

- Total Projects Received at MBEX from 3/6/2023 - 3/10/2023: **115**
- Total Project Leads Reported on at MBEX from 3/6/2023 - 3/10/2023: **3**
- Total Active Projects Received/Reported on at MBEX as of 3/14/2023: **425**

MEMBER EVENTS + NEWS

Event Cancelled

The Winter Social - North curling event scheduled for Friday, March 17 has been cancelled. All registrations will be refunded. Please contact Julie with questions: juliem@mbex.org.



Registration Now Open

Registration for the annual MBEX Spring Social is now open! Come join us at the Midland Hills Country Club on Thursday, April 13 from 3:00-7:00pm.



An evening out with construction business owners, executives, and industry professionals, attendees will hear from special guest speaker Ron Wirtz, the Director of Regional Outreach with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, who will share the latest on our economy and insights on how the construction sector and how your business will be impacted in 2023.

New at this year's social, we are hosting a Wine & Spirits Pull! Attendees can purchase a mysteriously-wrapped package that will either be a bottle of wine or spirits that is potentially of much greater value than the purchase price. All funds from the Pull will support the MBEX Scholarship Fund.

We will also have our traditional 50/50 cash raffle where the winner takes home half of the winnings and the other half goes directly into the MBEX Scholarship Fund as well.

Early Bird pricing at \$40 per person lasts through March 31, and sponsorship opportunities are also available. [SIGN UP TODAY](#)

Class Starts on Monday (3/20)

Reading Construction Documents, taught by Troy DeGroot with UChapter2, starts on Monday, March 20 and class is held only four afternoons (thru March 23).



From navigating title block information, combing through specification documents and understanding each set of plans, every construction professional needs to know how to read these documents, how to navigate a project and understand the material and construction requirements. Registration will remain open until noon on Monday, March 20, and is open to MBEX members and non-MBEX members alike. [REGISTER NOW](#)

Welcome New MBEX Members

The following companies joined the Minnesota Builders Exchange in the months of January 2023:



JANUARY: Bella Concrete (Duluth), [Central Ag](#) (Kimball), [DGN Dirt Work & Utilities](#) (Buffalo), [Dimke Excavating](#) (Lino Lakes), [J & L Jobsite Solutions](#) (Prior Lake), [Jamek Engineering Services](#) (Brooklyn Park), [Jaytech Water Solutions](#) (Fridley), [J P Plumbing & Heating](#) (New Ulm), [Miner LTD dba Star Equipment](#) (Lino Lakes), Dave Myllymaa Construction (Esko), Northern Concrete of Duluth (Saginaw), [Rock on Trucks](#) (St. Cloud), and [Zak Industries dba Erosion Works](#) (Nowthen).

[LEARN MORE ABOUT MBEX'S NEW MEMBERS](#)

MINORITY NOTICE

Attention MBE + DVB Contractors

Project: UW River Falls Science & Technology Innovation Center

Bid Deadline: March 29, 2023 @ 12pm



Market & Johnson, General Contractor, is competitively bidding on the above project and would like quotes from MBE and DVB subcontractors and suppliers prior to the bid deadline. Bid documents can be requested by emailing bidding@market-johnson.com.

CONSTRUCTION HEADLINES

[OSHA Rule Change Expands Use of Instance-by-Instance Citations](#)

OSHA's rule change is designed to crack down on employers that continue to fail to address hazards, the agency said.

OSHA Rule Change Coming This Month



Taking effect later this month, OSHA regional administrators will have the authority to issue new violation types as "instance-by-instance citations." Under this new rule, repeat citations can be issued for incidents surrounding lockout/tagout, machine guarding, permit-required confined-spaces, respiratory protection, falls, trenching and for cases with other-than-serious violations specific to recordkeeping. The current policy has been in place since 1990, according to OSHA. [READ MORE](#)

Construction Adds 24,000 Jobs in February, Says ABC

The construction industry added 24,000 jobs on net in February, according to an Associated Builders and Contractors analysis of data released on March 10.

24,000 Jobs Added in February 2023



Nonresidential construction employment increased by 11,600 positions, with growth registered in all three subcategories. Heavy and civil engineering added 7,700 net new jobs, while nonresidential specialty trade added 2,200 positions. The number of nonresidential building jobs increased by 1,700. On a year-over-year basis, industry employment has risen by 249,000 jobs, an increase of 3.2%. [READ MORE](#)

5 Construction Equipment Trends Shaping 2023

It pays to get up to speed on the latest equipment trends so you can plan strategically throughout the year.

Construction Equipment Trends Shaping 2023



The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) spoke with industry professionals who highlighted five equipment trends that will shape 2023: (1) Increasing importance of online sales and online rentals, (2) Electrification disrupts the dealer's revenue model, (3) Connected machines and job sites cut owning and operating costs, (4) Technology brings greater efficiency to parts and service, and (5) Rental continues to grow, equipment-as-a-service draws interest. [READ MORE](#)

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