



# MINNESOTA BUILDERS EXCHANGE Weekly Bulletin

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Let's be honest, MBEXers --- sometimes it takes a *little treat* to get through the day (Hi, it's me. I'm the millennial. It's me.) Gassed up the truck? Treat. Read yet another three articles about rising steel and copper prices thanks to \*sigh\* tariffs? Definitely treat-worthy. Submitted three bid proposals this week and it's only Wednesday morning? Oh look, it's treat o'clock again!

If you're looking for a treat that lasts longer than a latte, I've got a few ideas: browse new projects in the Online Plan Room (bonus points for tweaking an existing project [search filter](#)!), reach out to a newly joined member company (I'm sharing July's new members next week; but you can revisit June's [here](#)), or check out one of the upcoming [MBEX events](#) we've got cooking. Work can be tough --- but the perks of membership? Pretty sweet.



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

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

- 1.) **Clay Shoot** - Registration is now closed for the Sporting Clays Scholarship Fundraiser (next Thursday, August 14), but if you need to be in touch or have questions, Melanie's your girl. She can be reached at [melanie@mbex.org](mailto:melanie@mbex.org) or [\(612\) 381-2628](tel:612-381-2628).
- 2.) **Double Bogey** - As of 3:00pm Tuesday afternoon, there are still 2 foursomes available for the upcoming [Golf North event](#) on August 20 in Duluth. Gather those golfers and sign up before too long; registration for this event closes on August 15 at 3:00pm.
- 3.) **Congratulations** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters selected Maj. Kyle Volk, St. Paul District, resident engineer and Fargo, N.D. resident, as its 2025 recipient of the [Construction Management Excellence Award](#). Volk was honored in large part for his work on the Fargo, North Dakota / Moorhead, Minnesota Metro Area Project.
- 4.) **Specifications Update** - The Fenestration and Glazing Industry Alliance (FGIA) [released updated versions](#) of two specifications related to secondary storm products. AAMA 1002-25, Specification for Secondary Storm Products for Windows and Sliding Glass Doors, and AAMA 1102-25, Specification for Side-Hinged Secondary Storm Doors, were last updated in 2011.
- 5.) **Have a Chuckle** - Love a job that really knows how to *cement* itself [into your soul](#) 😊

## Inside This Issue:

- **Big News:** The Minnesota Builders Exchange is leaving Glenwood Avenue
- **Tariffs (Again):** How the latest round will reshape construction costs & supply chains
- **In Review:** Taking a look at how MBEX did over the past 31 days
- **Job Growth:** July saw a lackluster pace of growth industrywide
- **MBEX Events:** Plenty of summer fun still to be had with the Exchange
- **Five Headlines:** Universal 50% tariff placed on copper imports; How to address impaired workers on the jobsite; Deadlines loom for clean energy tax credits; The power of story crafting inside RFPs; and How synthetic lichens can launch construction on the Moon and Mars
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## MEMBER NEWS + EVENTS



### BIG NEWS: Minnesota Builders Exchange is Moving!

After many decades at our current headquarters, the Minnesota Builders Exchange (MBEX) is excited to announce we have sold our (soon to be) former office building and will be moving to a new office space at the end of this month. Our last day at 1123 Glenwood Avenue is August 28, 2025.

As the industry has evolved and access to plans and specifications has moved almost exclusively online, our need for a large physical space has changed. This move allows us to right-size our office, ensuring we operate efficiently while continuing to provide top-notch service.

Our new home will be in the easy-to-access [Bell Plaza](#), conveniently located at the intersection of I-494 and France Avenue. This modern space, less than half the size of our current location, will provide a terrific atmosphere for our staff. In addition, the building offers conference facilities that MBEX can reserve for future training sessions and member gatherings. We look forward to this new chapter and serving you from our new location!

As a result of the building sale, the MBEX Board of Directors has wisely adopted a strategic and forward-looking investment policy that builds on current success and positions our 137-year-old association to continue to serve the industry for decades to come.

As we prepare for this momentous move, there will be a transition phase where patience and communication will play a key role in making this a smoother process. Our staff will be working remotely for a short time, and there will also be a brief planned window of service disruption when our servers are moved to the new office location. This will happen closer to the end of the month, and as details firm up, we will communicate them in a timely manner with you.

But, the most important question of all: what about the annual Member BBQ in the parking lot? Do not fear! It will remain a core thank-you for our membership, and we have plans to host this event in a variety of member locations in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued membership and support. While our address may be changing, our commitment to serving you remains as strong as ever.

We're grateful to have you with us as we embrace this exciting new chapter, and we look forward to growing, adapting, and building the future --- together.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely reading 'David Siegel'.

**David Siegel, CAE**  
*Executive Director*



### **New Tariffs to Reshape Construction Costs & Supply Chains**

Just hours before his August 1st deadline, President Trump issued a new executive order on July 31, 2025, that could affect the import and pricing of construction materials, equipment, and products in the U.S. through higher and more targeted tariffs.

The sweeping new round of tariffs includes a 10% global minimum and additional duties of 15% or more targeting countries with trade surpluses with the United States. According to the executive order, most new tariffs are set to take effect shortly after midnight on August 7th.

For U.S. construction professionals, this executive order may impact supply chains, costs, and procurement in several ways.

#### **WHAT'S EXPECTED TO CHANGE**

**The Executive Order expands or modifies tariffs, which include:**

- Key trading partners without adequate trade or security concessions remain subject to stiff tariffs.
- Changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUS) implement the the new rates and aim to make tariffs more reciprocal, thus aligning them with the duties that U.S. exporters encounter in foreign markets.
- For the E.U., products with a current U.S. tariff under 15% will now see their total tariff raised to 15%.
- All other counties not listed in the executive order will soon face a new 10% tariff on their goods.
- If U.S. Customs determines a product has been transshipped (routed through a third country to avoid tariffs), a 40% penalty tariff applies, in addition to fines and



other duties.

Although these changes are expected to have wide-ranging effects, examining their practical impact on the construction industry allows for a more focused and actionable analysis.

## **EXPECTED IMPACT ON THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**

### **1.) Imported Materials and Equipment Likely to Experience Rising Costs**

Nearly all imported construction materials, equipment, and fixtures, particularly those sourced from China, the European Union, and other major exporting countries, are likely to become more expensive due to the new tariffs.

### **2.) Ongoing Projects May Be Shielded, But Future Shipments Face Higher Costs**

Construction projects already underway may be shielded in part, at least, from the higher tariffs if the materials and equipment are already in transit and arrive in the United States before October 5, 2025 (the date set in the executive order). However, project budgets will likely be affected by increased import costs for shipments arriving after that date.

### **3.) Trade Compliance to Undergo More Scrutiny**

U.S. Customs and the Department of Commerce are expected to intensify enforcement measures, including publishing lists of countries and facilities identified in duty circumvention schemes (those involved in transshipments to avoid tariffs). Therefore, construction firms and materials suppliers should consider improving due diligence in their sourcing and procurement processes to ensure compliance and avoid possible financial penalties.

### **4.) Trade Negotiations Ongoing and May Affect Tariff Policy**

The U.S. government is actively negotiating with select trading partners, which could result in future modifications to the tariff structure if trade agreements are reached. Construction firms should stay informed, as these changes could impact long-term sourcing strategies.

### **5.) China Tariff Policies Unchanged For Now**

In line with prior executive orders, there are no immediate changes to existing or parallel tariffs on Chinese imports. These tariffs remain in effect and are not subject to current negotiations, signaling continued trade friction in this supply chain.

## **MONITORING THE TARIFF IMPACT ON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

Tariffs can be complicated and messy when calculating the precise impact on the cost of acquiring imported materials. But a few steps can be taken to monitor the potential price variations of tariffs on construction materials:

- Check with suppliers to determine if critical imported materials or products are now subject to higher tariffs.
- Communicate with suppliers about in-transit shipments and delivery schedules.
- Review contracts for cost escalation clauses and discuss with clients the potential price increases related to the order.
- Verify supply chain compliance to avoid transshipment penalties.

### ***The Full Impact of Tariffs is Still Evolving***

While the President's executive order reduces some of the unknowns around tariffs, significant uncertainty still lingers. In the coming weeks, the administration is expected to announce additional tariffs targeting key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, critical minerals, and other vital industrial imports.

The construction industry has already seen some impact of these tariffs. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the YTD period through May, steel mill product and copper product prices increased by 17.8% and 7.0% respectively. The Bureau's composite index of construction material prices over the same period has risen by 5.8%, after being slightly negative throughout most of 2024.

Meanwhile, U.S. courts continue to evaluate the legality of the reciprocal tariffs, adding an additional layer of unpredictability to the trade environment.

Construction professionals should continue to monitor tariff-related developments closely, as rates and affected countries may change quickly based on continued trade negotiations and actions.

[Read More with ConstructConnect News](#)

# MBEX BY THE NUMBERS

RECAP OF THE PAST  
30 DAYS (JULY)



## MBEX's July 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 July 1-31, 2025.

Total # of Projects Added (*July 2025*)

**339**

Total # of Projects Added (*June 2024*)

**366**

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

**3,277**

New Member Companies Joined

**17**

No. of Plan Issuers

**241**

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

**5,902**

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

\*\* indicates project is still actively bidding

**(1.) Waite Park Public Safety**

**(2.) Jonathan Elementary**

## **- Bid Package 2**

- **Total Visitors:** 7,400
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 422
- **Bid Date:** July 10, 2025
- **Project Location:** Waite Park, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Local Government
- **Project Type:** New Construction
- **Project ID:** 2025-0AD0

## **(3.) Camp Ripley - Renovation & Addition of Building 15-2**

- **Total Visitors:** 4,814
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 385
- **Bid Date:** July 24, 2025
- **Project Location:** Little Falls, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Military
- **Project Type:** Addition
- **Project ID:** 2025-0B2D

## **(5.) MnDOT Lake Burgen Safety Rest Area Building - Site Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (Request for Bids)**

- **Total Visitors:** 3,892
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 332
- **Bid Date:** July 29, 2025
- **Project Location:** Alexandria, Minn.
- **Project Category:** State Government
- **Project Type:** New Construction
- **Project ID:** 2025-0AF2

## **(7.) City of Plymouth - Northwest Greenway Park and Ride Shelter**

- **Total Visitors:** 3,532
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 312
- **Bid Date:** July 21, 2025
- **Project Location:** Plymouth, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Local Government
- **Project Type:** New Construction
- **Project ID:** 2025-0B87

## **(9.) MCC City Kitchen Concessions - 134 Remodel**

- **Total Visitors:** 3,223
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 289
- **Bid Date:** July 24, 2025
- **Project Location:** Minneapolis, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Local Government
- **Project Type:** Remodeling

## **School Renovation - ISD 112**

- **Total Visitors:** 5,513
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 425
- **Bid Date:** July 31, 2025
- **Project Location:** Chaska, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Educational
- **Project Type:** Remodeling / Renovation
- **Project ID:** 2025-0B70

## **(4.) Camp Ripley - Construction of Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) - Area 5**

- **Total Visitors:** 4,599
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 349
- **Bid Date:** July 15, 2025
- **Project Location:** Little Falls, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Military
- **Project Type:** New Construction
- **Project ID:** 2025-0A8F

## **(6.) Cook County - LEC Addition & Renovation**

- **Total Visitors:** 3,667
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 319
- **Bid Date:** July 22, 2025
- **Project Location:** Grand Marais, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Local Government
- **Project Type:** Remodeling / Renovation
- **Project ID:** 2025-0AD7

## **(8.) City of Hastings - Central Water Treatment Plant**

- **Total Visitors:** 3,299
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 303
- **Bid Date:** July 24, 2025
- **Project Location:** Hastings, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Wastewater / Water Treatment
- **Project Type:** New Construction
- **Project ID:** 2025-0B8D

## **(10.) DNT Building Renovation - Duluth Public Schools - ISD 709**

- **Total Visitors:** 3,089
- **Total Unique Visitors:** 302
- **Bid Date:** August 6, 2025
- **Project Location:** Duluth, Minn.
- **Project Category:** Educational
- **Project Type:** Remodeling / Renovation





Construction Job Growth Anemic in July

The construction industry added 2,000 jobs in July, according to ABC's analysis of data released on August 1st by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

On a year-over-year basis, industry employment has increased by 96,000 jobs, or 1.2%.

Nonresidential construction employment increased by 6,400 positions, with growth in 2 of the 3 subcategories. Heavy and civil engineering added 6,000 jobs, while nonresidential specialty trade added 1,900 new positions. Nonresidential building lost 1,500 jobs for the month.

The construction unemployment rate remain unchanged at 3.4% in July. Unemployment across all industries rose from 4.1% in June to 4.2% last month.

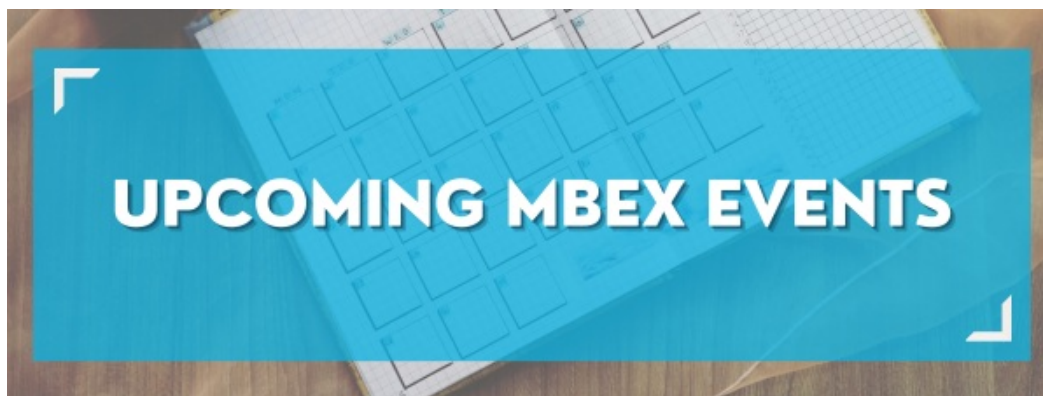
"Industrywide employment is up only 1.2% over the past year, a lackluster pace of growth that historically is seen during and immediately following recessions," said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. "The good news [for ABC members] is that the nonresidential segment continues to outperform, growing at twice the pace of the industry at large over the past 12-months."

	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	1-Month Change	12-Month Change	12-Month % Change
Construction	8,310,000	8,308,000	8,214,000	2,000	96,000	1.2%
Nonresidential	4,977,500	4,971,100	4,863,100	6,400	114,400	2.4%
Nonresidential Building	921,600	923,100	916,300	-1,500	5,300	0.6%
Nonresidential Specialty Trade	2,877,900	2,876,000	2,800,300	1,900	77,600	2.8%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	1,178,000	1,172,000	1,146,500	6,000	31,500	2.7%

Residential	3,332,700	3,337,100	3,350,900	-4,400	-18,200	-0.5%
Residential Building	954,700	956,100	940,800	-1,400	13,900	1.5%
Residential Specialty Trade	2,378,000	2,381,000	2,410,100	-3,000	-32,100	-1.3%

Given that ABC's Construction Backlog remains healthy and hiring expectations remain relatively optimistic, it's possible that weakness will be confined to the residential side of the industry during the second half of 2025, Basu added.

[See ABC Press Release](#)



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*

**\*\* August 14 - Sporting Clays Scholarship Fundraiser - [Registration is now closed](#)**

Please contact Melanie with questions or inquiries about the event: [melanie@mbex.org](mailto:melanie@mbex.org) or (612) 381-2628. Aim, shoot and pull to raise funds for the MBEX Construction Scholarship at this great annual MBEX outdoor event at Game Unlimited.

**\*\* August 20 - Golf North - [Registration closes at 3:00pm on August 15](#)**

Come socialize and network on the greens of Duluth's Ridgeview Country Club for what we FORE-see as a great event. Golf packages include lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf carts, post-golf social, dinner, and short awards program. [Register Here](#)

**August 21 - Online Plan Room Demo**

From navigating the Deskpads, 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](#) - *\*\*Please sign up by 3:30pm on August 20\*\**

**August 26 - 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](#)



#### **August 27 - 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](#)

#### **August 28 - 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](#)

#### **August 29 - Bluebeam 4: Document Management & Best Practices**

Eliminate wasted time navigating through drawing sets and wondering who has the latest drawings. [Register Here](#)

#### **September 1 - Labor Day - MBEX Closed**

MBEX will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We'll return to regular office hours on Tuesday, September 2.

#### **September 2 - Bluebeam 5: Collecting Field Data**

This Bluebeam class was developed for design and construction professionals in both the office and jobsite looking for ways to build consistency, speed, and accuracy of data collection in creating summary reports. [Register Here](#)

#### **September 3 - Bluebeam 6: Administrative Professionals**

In just two hours, class attendees will be ready to combine documents, mark for redaction, apply digital signatures, and several other important administrative tasks. [Register Here](#)

#### **September 4 - Bluebeam 7: Civil Workflows**

Class attendees will go through not only navigation and markups, but workflows like Calibrating Plan & Profile drawings with different X-Y scales, ideas for Cut & Fill calculations, combining several PDFs into one large area map, and adding images. [Register Here](#)

#### **September 10 - Sporting Clays North**

Get your shotguns locked and loaded. MBEX is headed north for its annual Sporting Clays North event. Whether an ace shooter or a total rookie, this will be a fun, low-pressure afternoon with colleagues and fellow industry professionals that includes a delicious BBQ buffet for dinner. [Register Here](#)

#### **\*\* October 9 - Fall Social - Save the Date**

Network with industry professionals, share insights, and build relationships in a relaxed and lively atmosphere at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins, Minn. Whether catching up with old friends or making new connections, this event is the perfect way to strengthen your ties within the construction community.

#### **\*\* October 29 - MBEX Young Professionals Network (YPN) - Save the Date**

From college students, graduates and interns, to those just getting started within the construction industry, the MBEX Young Professionals Network creates a place for emerging young professionals ages 40 and under who are involved in the construction industry to join together at the early stages of their career to connect and begin network. This event will be hosted at Mortenson Construction in Golden Valley, Minn.

[View 2025 MBEX Events Calendar](#)



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

## **COPPER PRICES | TARIFFS**

### **[Trump Slaps Universal 50% Tariff on Copper Imports; Metal's Price Plunges](#)**

On July 30, President Trump signed an order imposing a universal 50% tariff on copper imports, the latest metal he has targeted with a steep import tax. U.S. copper prices plunged as much as 18% in after-hours trading as soon as the White House announced the new tariff rate. The new higher, copper tariffs went into effect on August 1, 2025. The Trump administration says that the new duties, which follow 50% U.S. tariffs already imposed on steel and aluminum, are aimed at boosting domestic industries and addressing "trade imbalances." (CNBC)

## **JOBSITE SAFETY**

### **[How To Address Impaired Workers on Your Jobsite](#)**

Every activity in construction requires both attention to detail and spatial awareness. To maintain a safe working environment, every person on the job has to show up with their A-game. Impairment affects a worker's ability to do that, whether it's through diminished ability to function and operate on the jobsite or the total inability to work. Drug use is what most people think of when they hear the term "impairment," but there are many substances that create impairment, from legal drugs, like alcohol and prescription painkillers, to illegal drugs, like cocaine and methamphetamines. (Construction Business Owner)

## **CLEAN ENERGY | SOLAR ENERGY | TAX CREDITS**

### **[Deadlines Loom for Clean Energy Tax Credits](#)**

Passed by Congress and signed by the president a month ago, the "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act imposes a series of fast deadlines for businesses and residents who want to use federal incentives for clean energy investments. The time to act is now, as several deadlines for tax credits are fast approaching, covering everything from solar energy installations to electric vehicle purchases. Commercial projects that start before July 4, 2026, may get an extension beyond 2027. But an advantage to starting a project now --- even if it does not reach completion this year --- is that solar owners do not have to comply with the "foreign entity of concern" tax provision prohibiting the use of panels composed of more than 60% of materials from China, Iran, North Korea or Russia. (Finance & Commerce)

## **PROJECT PROPOSALS**

### **[RFPs: The Power of Story Crafting](#)**

The stories we tell through our proposals are not so different from those of novels, movies, and plays: all stories contain certain elements. There will be characters (your client), a setting (project location and type), conflicts (what problems we are trying to solve), and plots (how we will approach the project). These elements help form a team's story to maximize impact and create thoughtful proposals that tell your story well. (Construction Dive)

## **INNOVATIVE BUILDING MATERIALS**

### **[How Synthetic Lichens Can Launch Martian Construction](#)**

As NASA continues its preparations to land a human on the moon via its Artemis program, new research points to the possibility of building on the surface of not just the moon, but also Mars. A research team from Texas A&M University has developed a synthetic lichen system that can form building materials with no outside intervention. They developed a synthetic community, or group of lichen species, that makes use of the advantages of those multiple species, according to a press release. This system, which could enable autonomous construction on the planet, eliminates the need for external nutrient supplies and could eventually convert biomaterials into ink for 3D printing. (Construction Dive)



## PROJECT OF THE WEEK



### Owl Center Plans \$17M Facility with Walk-Through Aviaries

[Read more on Finance & Commerce](#)

The International Owl Center, which operates out of a storefront in downtown Houston, is a go-to place for owl research, education and displays. But physical restraints have kept the center's full potential in check.

Among other shortcomings, the existing facility doesn't have enough restrooms, the plumbing needs to be updated, and programming space is inadequate. Most significantly, the birds can't live onsite.

A proposed \$17.3-million facility will create a full-time home for the birds, among other improvements. The International Owl Center, which is currently raising funds for the project, says the new facility will be the first of its kind in the U.S. --- perhaps the world.

Located on a roughly 4.5-acre site, the new center will include, among other things, expanded programming space, biological and cultural displays, a "prep room" for food and specimens and a gift shop.

But the most prominent feature will be six "walk-through" aviaries, which will allow the public to observe the birds in "naturally vegetated enclosures," according to the owl center. The aviaries are the "crown jewel" of the project.

Wolfgang Scherzinger, who pioneered the design in Germany in the 1980s, is consulting with the International Owl Center on the design of the new facility. The center's project team includes DSGW (architectural design) and Wieser Brothers General Contractors (design-build).

The total fundraising goal is \$17.3-million, and the center has raised about \$1.6-million for the project in private funds. Construction can begin once the center reaches the \$15-million mark.





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## OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS



**Business Elevation Workshop: Labor Compliance & AASHTOWare Reporting**  
| Presented by *MnDOT Small Business Training Programs*

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 20

**TIME:** 9:00am - 12:00pm

**LOCATION:**

[MnDOT Small Business Resource Center \(South Location\)](#) - 2930 Waters Road, STE 230, Eagan, Minn., 55121

[Sign Up](#)

**CONTACT:** Carolyn Fackler -  
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**COST:** Free! Registration required.  
*Space is limited to 15 participants.*

In this hands-on workshop, learn how to navigate labor compliance and AASHTOWare reporting.

Get personalized guidance from MnDOT experts Kirsten Reyes and Chang Yang. Understand labor requirements that are crucial for your business's success. Learn how to avoid payment delays, contract penalties, and disqualification from future opportunities. Receive hands-on instruction in how to complete electronic reports, understanding wage and contractor responsibilities, and maximizing compliance with labor laws.

By the end of this workshop, you'll have a clear understanding of what you need to do to keep your business in compliance and on track.

## MEMBER BENEFITS



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### First Aid & Safety Solutions from UniFirst

Through our partnership with [National Purchasing Partners \(NPP\)](#), MBEX Members can save on UniFirst First Aid + Safety.

Help keep your workplace safe and compliant with a range of options to meet your needs --- all delivered to your business.



- **First Aid:** Industrial-grade first aid cabinets, suppliers, eyewash stations, and AED inspections.
- **PPE / Safety:** Eye, hand, face, and hearing protection with scheduled restocking.
- **Training:** Onsite or online CPR, AED, and Safety Training for employees.
- **Fire Safety:** Fire protection services, including extinguisher inspections and emergency lighting maintenance.
- **Testing:** Onsite employee testing for hearing, respiratory, physical exams, and more.

Sign up with NPP for free to access exclusive member pricing and services from UniFirst and other top vendors. Enroll your business here: [www.mynpp.com/mbex](http://www.mynpp.com/mbex)

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## PROJECT INFORMATION + UPDATES

- Total Projects Received at MBEX from 7/28/2025 - 8/1/2025: **63**
- Total Project Leads Reported on at MBEX from 7/28/2025 - 8/1/2025: **20**
- Total Active Projects Received / Reported on at MBEX as of 8/5/2025: **295**
- Total New Projects in the Online Plan Room as of 8/5/2025: **3,393**

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Click the button above to view the most recent project data from 7/30/2025 - 8/5/2025.

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### UPCOMING MBEX EVENTS

- **August 14** - Sporting Clays Fundraiser
- **August 20** - Golf North
- **August 21** - Online Plan Room Demo
- **August 26** - Bluebeam 1: Baseline Basics
- **August 27** - Bluebeam 2: Material Takeoffs & Estimates (Basic)
- **August 28** - Bluebeam 3: Material Takeoffs & Estimates (Advanced)
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- **September 18** - Online Plan Room Demo
- **October 9** - MBEX Fall Social
- **October 29** - MBEX Young Professionals Network (YPN)

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