



## Weekly Bulletin

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### PROJECT UPDATE

- Total projects received at MBEX from 1/16/2023 – 1/20/2023: **117**
- Total active projects received/reported on at MBEX as of 1/24/2023: **449**

### POWER KICK-OFF FILLING FAST!

POWER = Professionals Offering Women Engaging Resources

All women working within the construction industry, whether out on the jobsite, in the office, or somewhere in between, are encouraged to attend this FREE event on February 7th for learning, networking, and connecting. The first of four sessions being held in 2023, this kick-off event topic focus on negotiation skills to use when seeking a pay increase, requesting more career and professional development opportunities, and other tough conversations we all dread but know are necessary. Our panel of experts include a certified life coach, a senior vice president of human resources, and a professor whose focus is negotiation and conflict resolution. After the panel, stick around for networking, light snacks and drinks, and prize giveaways (bring those business cards!). Space is limited. [REGISTER](#)

### UMD BULLDOGS VS SCSU HUSKIES IN ST CLOUD

Save the date of March 3! MBEX is hosting Happy Hour at Olde Brick House, then head to the Herb Brooks Hockey Arena for an on-ice men's hockey match between the UMD Bulldogs and SCSU Huskies in St. Cloud. Tickets are limited, and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Already a SCSU or UMD hockey season ticket holder? Come join us beforehand for apps and drinks before the game! Registration will open very soon; [watch our website](#).

### MEMBER NEWS: GRAZZINI BROTHERS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

One hundred years ago, two brothers, Frank and August Grazzini formed a partnership installing concrete walks. Shortly thereafter they added terrazzo to their services --- a trade they had learned in Italy. Their belief in the American dream coupled with their old-world knowledge of the craftsmanship, and artistry provided the foundation for what is now considered a premier tile, terrazzo, stone and floor covering contractor. Congratulations to all at Grazzini for this remarkable milestone reached! [MORE](#)

### MEMBER NEWS - DEI AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED AT AGC CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

Congratulations to the following member companies for their award-winning diversity, equity and inclusion work: Donlar Construction Company – *DEI Impact Champion*, Greater Minnesota and Knutson Construction – *DEI Impact Champion, Building*. Congratulations also to former MBEX Board member Karin McCabe, (McGough Construction for receiving the Individual Allyship of the Year award. [MORE](#)

### BILL MOVEMENT AT THE CAPITOL

AGC reported the following capitol new via their newsletter on January 20: On Monday (January 23), the full House of Representatives will take up HF26, which appropriates \$315 million in federal funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). These funds represent the first year of increased formula funding Minnesota will receive over the 5-year authorization window of the IIJA. AGC of MN testified in support in committee last week and a quick passage early in session will allow MnDOT to fully access the fund for state road construction. [MORE](#)

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# POWER Series

Professionals Offering Women Engaging Resources

## Meet our POWER Panel



**Carrie Cotch**

Carrie Jo Coaching



**Cassie Nelson**

McGough Construction



**Dr. Barbara Carter**

Dunwoody College

**Carrie** is a Certified Life Coach based in Minneapolis. Her approach helps women gain confidence, overcome obstacles, navigate change & find what truly sets their soul on fire so they can live more fulfilled lives.

Her work helps women find true happiness by increasing their self-awareness and self-esteem, teaching them to advocate for themselves in both their work and personal lives

Carrie also has a background in marketing for a global equipment manufacturer in Minneapolis.

**Cassie** currently works for McGough Construction as Senior Vice President, Human Resources. She joined the family-owned commercial construction, organization in 2015.

In this role, Cassie oversees the company's human capital strategy, which includes human capital development, recruitment, compensation and benefits, and more.

She has over 20-years of human resource experience and previously worked at Target and Supervalu.

**Dr. Barbara** has over 40 years of experience in business and education.

She currently works at Dunwoody College of Technology as Assistant Professor of Leadership and Business Management. She teaches many courses including Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.

Her past work includes employment with Fortune 500 Corporations as financial manager and controller and associate director of programs at a non-profit.

**February 7, 2023**

3:00-5:30pm



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

# **UMD BULLDOGS VS SCSU HUSKIES**

Pre-Game Happy Hour + Men's Hockey Game

Happy Hour @ 5pm, Game @ 7:30pm  
Herb Brooks National Hockey Center (St. Cloud)

Registration opening soon: [www.mbex.org/hockey](http://www.mbex.org/hockey)



New in 2022, AGC of Minnesota launched a series of DEI Awards to recognize member businesses for their initiatives in the diversity, equity, and inclusion space. Awards were given in four categories:

- DEI Excellence Awards
- General Contractor
- Specialty Contractor
- Service Provider / Supplier (Affiliate member)

#### **Diverse Business of the Year Award (MBE member)**

Entries were judged by the AGC of Minnesota Diversity & Inclusion Judging Committee, based on the information provided in the application. Judges are non-members who are business owners, or work in educational institutions, government entities, and community-based organizations that work in tandem with the construction industry.

Awards were presented at the Minnesota Construction Summit (Jan. 17-18, 2023 | St. Paul RiverCentre).

### **Congratulations to the 2022 DEI Award Recipients!**

**Ames Construction, Inc.**  
*DEI Impact Champion*

**Promoting Me, LLC**  
*DEI Impact Champion*

**Donlar Construction\***  
*DEI Impact Champion*

**J. Benson Construction**  
*Diverse Business of the Year*

**Knutson Construction\***  
*DEI Impact Champion*

**Karin McCabe\***  
*DEI Allyship of the Year*

See photos of the recipients [here](#).

*\*indicates MBEX member company or affiliate*