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PROJECT UPDATE

- Total Projects Received at MBEX from 5/15/2023 - 5/19/2023: **98**
- Total Project Leads Reported on at MBEX from 5/15/2023 - 5/19/2023: **8**
- Total Active Projects Received/Reported on at MBEX as of 5/23/2023: **374**
- Total Projects in the Online Plan Room as of 5/23/2023: **2,323**

REMINDER: MBEX will be **closed on Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day, returning to regular business hours on Tuesday, May 30. Please plan office contact and project plan orders accordingly.

*All gave some, some gave all.
To our active and retired military personnel, thank you for your service.*

MBEX NEWS + EVENTS

ONE MORE WEEK: Apply for the MBEX Scholarship Now

Applications for the 2023-2024 MBEX/TBG Construction Scholarship are due by end of the day on Wednesday, May 31.

DEADLINE: MAY 31
Encourage Students to Apply for our Scholarship



Do you know a student pursuing a construction-related field and attending a trade school, 2-year technical or community college, or 4-year university in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wisconsin? Encourage them to apply for our scholarship!

[MORE INFORMATION](#) | [APPLY NOW](#)

Grills Just Want to Have Fun

Join MBEX's Board of Directors and staff for our annual Member Appreciation BBQ on Wednesday, June 14, starting at 11:00am in Minneapolis.

JUNE 14:
Appreciation Barbecue



Let the Exchange show its appreciation for our members, new and long-timers, for your on-going support with a free barbecue lunch complete with BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, sweet corn, beans and cornbread. Each member company receives 2 complimentary tickets, and additional can be purchased for \$15 each. A great way to kick off summer! [REGISTER HERE](#)

Lawmakers Send Pair of Capital Investment Bills to Governor's Desk

Spending authorized by HF669, as amended by the Senate, includes \$1.3 billion from the proceeds of general obligation bonds, \$219.2 million from the Transportation Fund, and \$224.9 million from the General Fund. [READ MORE](#)

LEGISLATURE:

House Lawmakers Send Pair of Bills to Governor



WHAT'S BEING FUNDED:

Agency funding for the next biennium include:

1. \$338.1 million to the Public Facilities Authority for 47 water and wastewater projects across the state;
2. \$326.3 million to the Department of Transportation, including \$146 million from bond proceeds for local roads and bridges;
3. \$233.1 million to the Department of Natural Resources, including \$49.7 million for flood hazard mitigation programs;
4. \$108.6 million to the Metropolitan Council, including \$72 million for bus rapid transit projects; and
5. \$90 million to the Department of Veteran Affairs, including \$77.8 million for upgrades at the Hating Veterans Home Campus.

CASH PROJECTS:

There is also \$48.6 million going to the Department of Public Safety mostly for local fire or public safety enters, including \$10 million for a regional training center in Hibbing, \$6.4 million for a Lake Johanna fire station headquarters, and \$4.4 million for a fire station in Dilworth.

Other specific projects include:

1. \$21.6 million to renovate facilities at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center;
2. \$14.5 million for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant in Austin;
3. \$12.8 million to the Pope-Douglas Solid Waste board to switch to single-source recycling;
4. \$7 million to construct a freight rail car storage facility in Lakeville;
5. \$4 million to the Indian Health Board for a medical center in Minneapolis;
6. \$3 million to replace the ice plant and make other improvements to the sports arena and curling club in Chisholm; and
7. \$2.2 million to the Ain Dah Yung Center in St. Paul for renovations of its emergency shelter.

Twin Cities Golf Filling Fast

We want to see you at Oak Glen Golf Course on Thursday, June 22 for the MBEX Twin Cities Golf Tournament, starting at 10:30am.

JUNE 22:
Twin Cities Golf



Only a few foursomes remain! Register yours (single and pairs golfers are also welcome), and scroll through the sponsorship opportunities still available to promote your business before, during, and after what is going to be a great day out on the greens. Only a few foursomes remain!

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Now Open for Registration:
Sundew Harbor Cruise in Duluth

Join MBEX aboard the retired Coast Guard Cutter, *Sundew*, on Wednesday, July 19 at 5:30pm.



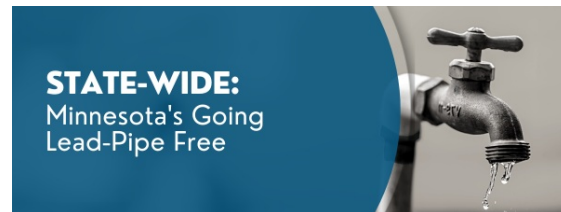
This event is always a fun evening out on Lake Superior filled with beautiful views of the harbor, the Lift Bridge, and the city; food and drink; and great comradery. All are welcome to attend: bring coworkers, spouses, and families (kids must be ages 12 and up), a bag chair, and a coat/sweater to keep warm on deck as the sun sets. Please, no flip-flops or high heels.

Space is limited to the first 150 people, and each company may register a maximum of 10 people for this event.

Boarding begins at 5:30pm at Pier B Resort, the Sundew departs promptly at 6:00pm, and we will return to dock no later than 9:00pm. [REGISTER NOW](#)

Going Lead-Pipe Free

Governor Tim Walz signed a bill into law last week providing \$240 million to remove and replace lead pipes across the state of Minnesota.



Chapter 39, House File 23 provides this funding to the Public Facilities Authority for establishing a grant program to replace water service lines containing lead, which will send workers throughout the state to replace pipes. The following will be eligible to receive said grants: community public water suppliers of a community water system, municipalities, suppliers of other residential drinking water systems; and anyone eligible for grants or loans under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. [READ MORE](#)

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NOW HIRING

Field Engineer

Market & Johnson is seeking a Field Engineer to join their team in Stillwater, Minnesota! This is a full-time position and provides excellent salary and benefits.

JOB POSTING: Field Engineer



This Field Engineer position is designed for Construction Management students who are interested in gaining practical hands-on, real-world experience. Market & Johnson's mentorship approach gives the individual a deliberate path forward and will ensure they obtain the necessary training needed to be a successful leader for Market & Johnson in the future.

Benefits include Medical, Dental, Vision, Long-Term Disability, Life Insurance, 401k Plan, Profit Sharing, and a fun, positive Company Culture with a focus on development, success, and camaraderie. If interested in applying, please submit your cover letter and resume by Monday, June 5th. [VIEW JOB POSTING](#) | [APPLY HERE](#)

MORE INDUSTRY EVENTS

Estimating & Bidding: Cost Proposal Development

DATE: Wednesday, May 31
TIME: 9:00am - 11:00am
LOCATION: Online

WED., MAY 31:
Estimating & Bidding:
Cost Proposals



A well-designed job cost accounting system is essential for any business to ensure that key information about the company can be developed and communicated to managers, project managers, owners, customers, creditors, auditors, and others who need accounting information for decision-making. Gain an understanding of a well-designed job cost accounting system including: accounting and estimating requirements; indirect rate structure development; forward pricing, provisional rates and determining the appropriate price to bid on project.

This session is being offered by the Minnesota Department of Administration's APEX Accelerator (formerly PTAC) in partnership with MnDOT and their Small Business Support Services. The session is open to all, but the target audience is Professional Services and Construction Industries. Questions can be directed to christina.nebel-dickerson@state.mn.us. [REGISTER HERE](#)

TBG's 20th Annual Education Foundation Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 20
TIME: Starting at 11:00am
LOCATION: The Hastings Golf Club
(Hastings, Minn.)

THURSDAY, JULY 20:
TBG Annual Education
Foundation Golf Outing



When you tee up this July, you'll help provide construction-focused men, women and youth of Minnesota with grants, scholarships, and apprenticeships they need to build the future of the construction trades. Together we'll build the future one putt at a time.

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5 CONSTRUCTION HEADLINES

□ [Debt Ceiling Breach Would Sink Construction Starts by as Much as 30%](#)

A prolonged debt ceiling breach that languishes into July would cause a 14% drop in 2023 construction starts and a further 9% tumble in 2024, according to a forecast from Didge Construction Network. From the market's peak in 2022, that would translate into a 30% loss in new building activity. Meanwhile, a short debt ceiling breach, where Congress resolves the crisis within a week or so after the breach, would cause a 3% drop in construction starts in 2023, before a muted 1% rebound in 2024. (*Construction Dive*)

□ [With Lower Demand, Higher Costs, Construction Industry Expects Leaner Months Ahead](#)

This year's construction season is expected to be leaner for a significant number of construction firms in the Ninth District compared with last year's, according to a recent Minneapolis Fed survey. Nearly half of construction firms reported fewer new projects out for bid --- known in the industry as requests for proposals (RFPs) --- in what is normally a very busy season for them. Some respondents said more projects were delayed or canceled than normal. (*Minneapolis Federal Reserve*)

□ [Largest Dam Removal in U.S. History Under Way](#)

The removal process of the Klamath River dams, located on both sides of the California/Oregon border, has begun. All four dams are scheduled to be removed from the river by the end of 2024. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the project in November 2022, and is valued at \$450 million. According to the construction overview, crews will begin drilling and blasting operations at Copco 2 to remove it completely, and a restored river channel will be built through the existing dam footprint. One of the goals of removing the dams is to protect the salmon population, and the firm leading the project is hopeful the population will return to the river and thrive once again. (*Construction Equipment Guide*)

* [Studies Measure Risk of Construction-Worker Skin Cancer & How Employers Can Help Mitigate It](#)

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month and it comes at a time of year when temps start to warm up and construction site workers' exposure to UV radiation increases. In the U.S., where nearly five million people are treated for skin cancer each year, a study of 2,298 agricultural and construction workers found that the use of sunscreen and shade protection seeking behavior was low. Among construction workers, only 15% to 21% used sunscreen, depending on age group and other factors, while 24.5% to 29% sought shade and only 51% wore any protective clothing. (*Con Expo*)

□ [Massive Autonomous Robot is 3-5 Times Faster Than Human Construction Crew](#)

California-based startup Built Robotics has unveiled RPD 25, a huge autonomous construction robot, that speeds up the creation of utility-scale solar farms --- accelerating the transition to a clean energy future and making workers safer, too. This massive construction robot can carry up to 200 piles (heavy steel beams about 15 feet long) at a time, lifting them out of an onboard basket and driving them into the ground at an average speed of one per 73 seconds. Onboard GPS tech ensure the piles are placed with an accuracy of less than one inch. (*FreeThink.com*)

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[Upcoming MBEX Events](#)

- **May 29** - Memorial Day - MBEX closed
- **June 12 & 14** - Reading Construction Documents online course
- **June 14** - Member Appreciation BBQ
- **June 22** - Twin Cities Golf
- **July 18** - POWER: Maximizing Your LinkedIn Profile (*virtual*)
- **July 19** - Sundew Harbor Cruise
- **August 9** - St Paul Saints with AGC
- **August 10** - Sporting Clays Fundraiser
- **August 23** - Golf North

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