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PROJECT UPDATE

- Total Projects Received at MBEX from 5/22/2023 - 5/26/2023: **96**
- Total Active Projects Received/Reported on at MBEX as of 5/30/2023: **361**
- Total Projects in the Online Plan Room as of 5/30/2023: **2,404**

DEADLINE: MAY 31
Encourage Students to
Apply for our Scholarship



Applications for the [2023-2023 MBEX / TBG Construction Scholarship](#) are due by the end of the day Wednesday, May 31! This scholarship is open to any student pursuing a construction-related field at a trade school, 2-year technical or community college, or 4-year university located in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wisconsin. [APPLY HERE](#)

MBEX NEWS + EVENTS

Here's to a Job Well Done

All members, new and long standing, are invited to join MBEX for its Member Appreciation BBQ on Wednesday, June 14, starting at 11:00am.

WED., JUNE 14:
Annual Member
Appreciation BBQ



Our Board of Directors and staff want to thank you for your on-going support of the Exchange with a 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. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Dunwoody College of Technology
President to Retire

Dunwoody College of Technology's president, Rich Wagner, will retire in July 2024 after a 13-year tenure the private technical college announced May 24th.

DUNWOODY: President Wagner to Retire in 2024



After taking leadership in 2009, Wagner has been responsible for the institution's financial stability through implementing transparency and "disciplined financial planning tools," the college said in its news release.

During his tenure, Dunwoody has added schools of engineering and design, as well as expanded online offerings and hybrid models such as its new online electrical degree launched last fall. Dunwoody offers a total of nine online degrees. [READ MORE](#)

Pro Tip: Don't Lose Your Ball in the Water

Only a couple of foursomes remain for the MBEX Twin Cities Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 22 at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater.

THURS., JUNE 22: Teeing Up for a Great Twin Cities Golf Event



Join us for a great day out on the greens not just to golf, but to also meet and mingle with fellow industry professionals (and to work on those putting skills). Can't make the event, but still want to support MBEX? Check out the remaining sponsorship opportunities available to promote your business before, during, and after the tee action.

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Meet MBEX's Newest Members

Join us in welcoming the member companies who joined the Exchange throughout the months of March and April 2023:

WELCOME: New MBEX Members from March/April



MARCH 2023

- [Big Jay's Cleaning Service](#) - Cleaning & Site Maintenance - *Crystal*
- [Brothers Weatherization](#) - Insulation & Weather Protection - *Warba*
- [Brunz Construction](#) - General Contractor - *Madison Lake*
- [Dynamic Fire Protection](#) - Fire Protection Services - *St. Paul*
- [Keller Acoustics](#) - Acoustical Contractor - *Champlin*
- [Merit Painting Inc](#) - Painting Contractor - *Osage*
- [Noble-X](#) - Welding & Fabrication - *Amery, WI*
- [Northwest Drywall](#) - Drywall Contractor - *Redwood Falls*
- [Redrock Precast](#) - Erosion Control & Precast Concrete - *Duluth*
- [Shermach Sales](#) - Openings: Doors, Windows & Glass - *Mankato*
- [Stevens Construction Corp](#) - General Contractor - *Bloomington*
- [Teknik Controls](#) - Building & Industrial Automation - *Darwin*
- [Union Solutions Services](#) - Building Information Modeling (BIM) Business Consultant - *Brooklyn Park*
- [Virginia Tile](#) - Tile & Surfacing Contractor - *Plymouth*

APRIL 2023

- [APEX Industrial Solutions](#) - Manufacturer Representative & Distributor - *Monticello*
- [Edwards Sales](#) - Manufacturer's Representative Agency & Construction Products Distributor - *Chaska*
- [Heartland Mechanical Contractors](#) - Plumbing, HVAC & Excavation - *Balaton*
- [Jasper Engineering](#) - Manufacturers Representative Agency & Distributor - *Hibbing*
- Little Flooring Solutions - Flooring Contractor - *Bloomington*
- [One Way Wireless Construction \(OWWC\)](#) - Electrical & Wireless Communications Contractor - *Shakopee*
- [Winsupply of Alexandria](#) - Wholesaler of Plumbing, HVAC & Hydronic Products - *Alexandria*

[NEW MEMBERS: MARCH](#) | [NEW MEMBERS: APRIL](#)



NOW HIRING

Field Engineer

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

NOW HIRING:
Field Engineer at
Market & Johnson

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](#)

5 CONSTRUCTION HEADLINES

[Average U.S. Contractor has 8.9 Months Worth of Work in the Pipeline](#)

After declining to a seven-month low in March, backlog rebounded in April due to strength in the infrastructure category. Regionally, backlog increased in the Northeast and West but fell in the South and middle states. ABC's Construction Confidence Index reading for sales and staffing moved higher in April, while the readings for profit margins inched lower. All three readings remain above the threshold of 50, indicating expectation of growth over the next six months. (*Building Design + Construction*)

[Details on Minnesota \\$2.6 Billion Bonding, Infrastructure Package Came Late. Here They Are.](#)

Minnesota lawmakers on May 22nd passed a \$2.58 billion package of infrastructure projects, snapping a nearly three-year period without what's known as a "bonding" bill. The package was made up of a \$1.5 billion bonding bill and a \$1.1 billion cash bill. Together, they contain: (1) More than \$317 million to upgrades to college buildings in the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State systems, (2) \$247 million for the Department of Natural Resources to use on things like parks, trails, boat docks and building upgrades, (3) About \$9 million for security upgrades at the State Capitol, (4) Upgrades at military readiness centers and a host of police and fire stations, (5) \$77.7 million to fund an overhaul of a veterans home in Hastings, (6) \$402 million for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, mainly for use on road and bridge improvements, (7) More than \$501 million for water infrastructure projects, (8) More than \$443 million for economic development initiatives, much of which is earmarked for capital investment helping nonprofits in the Twin Cities metro aimed at helping people of color, and (9) Money for ski hills, ice rinks, theaters, playgrounds, museums, sports centers, wellness centers and more. (*MinnPost*)

[Minnesota Near Top of 'Best States' Ranking; We're No. 1 in Infrastructure](#)

Minnesotans might not believe it, but our state reportedly has the best infrastructure in the country, according to a new report by the *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2023 Best States ranking. U.S. News considers 70 metrics and tens of thousands of data points across three years, with categories covering health care, education, economy, infrastructure, opportunity, fiscal stability, crime and corrections and natural environment. The infrastructure category doesn't just review the quality of roads and bridges, but also the use of renewable energy and access to high-speed internet. (*Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal*)

[Top 4 Data Types to Collect on the Construction Jobsite](#)

How exactly does a business use data to increase productivity in their operations? The first step in leveraging data-driven insights is collecting information from connected machines and tools on the jobsite. This can range from large excavators and material handling equipment to cordless hand tools and wearables. There are many types of data available on construction sites, capable of providing the feedback and information you need to minimize risk when making operational decisions. (*For Construction Pros*)

[How NASA Plans to Melt the Moon --- and Build on Mars](#)

In June a four-person crew will enter a hangar at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, and spend one year inside a 3D printed building. Made of a slurry that --- before it dried --- looked like neatly laid lines of soft-serve ice cream. Mars Dune Alpha has crew quarters, shared living space, and dedicated areas for administering medical care and growing food. The 1,700-square-foot space, which is the color of Martian soil, was designed by architecture firm BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group and 3D printed by Icon Technology. Experiments inside the structure will focus on the physical and behavioral health challenges people will encounter during long-term residencies in space. But it's also the first structure built for a NASA mission by the Moon to Mars Planetary Autonomous Construction Technology (MPACT) team, which is preparing now for the first construction projects on a planetary body beyond Earth. (*Wired*)

INDUSTRY-RELATED EVENTS

Developing & Improving Relationships with Other Contractors

DATE: Thursday, June 1
TIME: 8:30am - 10:30am
LOCATION: Online
COST: Free

Collaboration and trust among firms (both DBE and non-DBE) is as important as winning the work and doing the work. In this session, discussion will focus on how to be a good partner and how to create positive working relationships. Learn how to enhance communication with your business partners, strengthen accountability and reliability in your firm, and ways to incorporate this culture in your team to become the partner of choice. Questions can be directed to Stacia at srice@imoconsultinggroup.com.

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THURS., JUNE 1:
Relationships with
Other Contractors

Registered Apprenticeship 101

DATE: Wednesday, June 7
TIME: 10:00am - 11:00am
LOCATION: Online
COST: Free

Join representatives from Apprenticeship Minnesota at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to learn about registered apprenticeship and the benefits of growing and sustaining an innovative workforce. As a strategy to meet your need for skilled workers while increasing engagement and retention, registered apprenticeship offers a time-tested employee training system that can be customized to meet the needs of your business. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Questions can be directed to dli.apprenticeship@state.mn.us or (651) 284-5090.



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Apprenticeship 101



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- [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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