



## Weekly Bulletin

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- Total projects received at MBEX from 11/14/2022 – 11/18/2022: **68**
- Total project leads reported on at MBEX from 11/14/2022 – 11/18/2022: **0**
- Total active projects received/reported on at MBEX as of 11/22/2022: **258**

### IN FULL PIE PREP MODE

MBEX will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and returning to regular business hours on Monday, November 28. We have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving; you are one of them. From all of us at MBEX, Happy Thanksgiving!

### FIRST THANKSGIVING, THEN HOLIDAY PARTY NORTH

MBEX's annual Holiday Party North will be hosted at the Greysolon Ballroom, located in downtown Duluth, on Thursday, December 1, starting at 5:30pm. Holiday-themed drinks, delicious hors d'oeuvres, door prize giveaways, and awards for the ugliest Christmas sweater await. This is a great opportunity for members to meet and network, relax after a long day's work, and celebrate the closing of another successful business year. Spouses, partners, coworkers, and employees are welcome to attend, too. Tickets are \$45/person, and [registration is now open online](#).

### NEW MEMBER DISCOUNTS WITH NPP

MBEX members can now access business, employee, and personal discounts through our new partnership with National Purchasing Partners (NPP). NPP is a member benefit provider of MBEX and helps members reduce costs with exclusive pricing. Savings can now be taken advantage of on many useful brands, including ODP Business Solutions, Airgas, Batteries Plus, Sherwin-Williams, Cintas, Verizon Wireless, and more. NPP membership is free and there is no obligation to buy. [Visit our website to learn more](#) and sign up to unlock discounts for your business and employees today.

### LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LAST CONSTRUCTION RECESSION

It's been 15 years since the Great Recession, and the construction industry has been on an incredible run of expansion and growth. Many economists are predicting the next construction recession to take place in the next 6 – 18 months. It's important to remember the lessons of the last recession so that contractors can be better prepared to handle the next one. [Here are five lessons](#) learned from the Great Recession that contractors can use to prepare for the next one.

### BLACK FRIDAY DEALS FOR CONSTRUCTORS

Black Friday is the busiest shopping day throughout the country. It's considered the start of the Christmas shopping season, falling each year on the Friday after Thanksgiving. While a third of US consumers shopped in-store last year, more people will shop online in 2022. Now's the time to snag those deals for your workers and colleagues in the construction industry in need of better tooling. Within this article, there's something for everyone, from concrete drills to telescopic ladders for different kinds of workers. Not only will you be pumped up for the holiday season, but you'll feel great knowing your gift will improve the quality of the gift-receivers' work. [Check out the deals](#).



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# Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**

**Friday, November 25, 2022**

*This is the time of year for sharing  
what you're thankful for. And our  
members are at the top of our list.*

*From the full MBEX team, have a  
happy and festive Thanksgiving  
with all your family and friends!*



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JOIN US FOR

*Holiday Party North*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 5:30 - 8:00PM

GreySolon Ballroom  
231 E. Superior St.  
Duluth, MN 55802

Register at [www.mbox.org/holiday-north](http://www.mbox.org/holiday-north)





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