

Building Jobs Coalition

We Build Economies



The Building Jobs Coalition was founded in 2008 in response to the Great Recession's widespread and devastating impact across all sectors in the building/construction industry.

Made up of leaders representing labor, contractors, architects and engineers, the Building Jobs Coalition continues to advocate for policies that support sustainable careers in the design and construction of commercial, industrial, residential and institutional projects.

A Diverse Coalition of Partners

COALITION CO-CHAIRS

Tom Dicklich – Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council
Tim Worke – Associated General Contractors of Minnesota
Mary-Margaret Zindren – American Institute of Architects Minnesota

COALITION MEMBERS

American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota
American Institute of Architects Minnesota
Associated General Contractors of Minnesota
Association of Women Contractors
Builders Association of Minnesota
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 292
LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota
Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council
Minnesota Electrical Association
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association
Minnesota Pipe Trades Association
Minnesota Subcontractors Association
Operating Engineers Local 49
Rethos (formerly Preservation Alliance of Minnesota)
Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning & Roofing Contractors Association
The Minnesota Transportation Alliance

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Policies that Support the Building Industry



CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

ANNUAL INVESTMENT BILL:

Robust and strong annual capital budget bills are needed to keep Minnesota's economy growing. Investments in pre-design and architectural services as well as construction that focuses on repair and maintenance of critical public assets including buildings, roadways and bridges would allow our state to catch up on the backlog of projects. Robust annual investments in capital projects provide both a steady, consistent flow of workforce demand across all sectors of the building industry, and market predictability that yields project economies and efficient delivery of work.



TAX POLICY

CONFORMITY, CREDITS, INCENTIVES:

- Enact the Catalyzing Underutilized Buildings tax credit to stimulate adaptive reuse of commercial buildings for housing, hospitality, and community needs.
- Tax incentives that encourage building investments, including investments in sustainable and resilient materials and approaches.



ECONOMIC POLICY

WORKFORCE TRAINING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Fund training programs that demonstrate proven outcomes and help provide a diverse and skilled workforce across the range of careers in the building industry.
- Fund programs to stimulate the economy. (e.g. angel investment credit)
- Support workforce development through registered apprenticeships and apprenticeship readiness partnerships.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The Building Jobs Coalition supports policies, programs, and practices that actively encourage inclusion, diversity and equity in the architectural, engineering, and construction industry, and seeks policy solutions that address disparities and protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Minnesotans. BJC members are committed to creating and advocating for opportunities for women and people of color in the design and construction industry, including business development and workforce opportunities.



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