

# 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  
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#### 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:

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. 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:

- Extend the historic structure rehabilitation tax credit which expired June 30, 2022.
- Tax conformity to make Minnesota businesses more competitive
- 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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