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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Welcome to the debut edition of the Builders Exchange Quarterly News. We are excited to bring you news about Michigan's design and construction industry in a new format. For many years we have provided our members with ongoing benefits to meet the ever changing needs of our construction industry. We have now added this new member benefit to further the industry's exchange of ideas, information and collaboration.

Our goal with this newsletter is to share projects in design, projects currently under construction and to showcase some of those completions. We want to make the connection between all of those involved with the construction industry, from the product suppliers to the team creating the design. The best way to accomplish this is in communicating construction news on all different levels. We hope to highlight company's awards, new employees, new technology, services and products. We have partnered with industry experts to share information you need to know relating to finance, law, new products and other relevant industry topics.

We are committed to the exchange of information, the exchange of ideas and showcasing our industry accomplishments. Through our new Builders Exchange Quarterly News, grow with us, share with us and celebrate our colleagues, company changes, awards and designations.

Together, we still build Michigan.

Bart Austhof
Executive Vice-President

MEMBER SERVICES



The 2014 West Michigan Design and Construction Expo is a month away. This one day event is a collaborative effort between the Builders Exchange and the Construction Specifications Institute of Grand Rapids. This annual industry event will take place on October 30th at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, Michigan.

The Expo not only brings the construction industry together for a day of learning, but it also allows for new product introductions and innovations in the construction industry. We are providing classes at the Expo that are extremely relevant and will be valuable to everyone in the construction industry.

Our attendees will experience a full day of fun, networking, learning and collaborating. Don't miss attending this exciting industry event.

Elizabeth Bovard
Office Manager

MEMBER BENEFITS

Member Benefits:

- **The Construction News Bulletin** contains information about projects in the bidding stage as well as projects that have not yet been released for bidding.
- **Planroom on the Internet** allows members to view any blueprint, specification or addendum that we have received, as well as tracking jobs by specialty and obtaining information on awarded projects.
- **Physical Planroom in our office** contains drawings and specifications available for members use.
- **Term Life Insurance Benefit** quotes for our members at our Life Insurance benefit website.
- **Verizon Wireless Discount** can save members up to 20% discount on their Verizon bill.
- **SuperFleet Program** offers members 5¢ off per gallon at all Speedway, Marathon, Rich Oil, participating Pilot Travel Centers and 15% off at select Valvoline Instant Oil Change locations.
- **Health Insurance programs** offered to our members.
- **RS Means Construction** publications at a 25% discount to all members.
- **Endowed Scholarship** within the College of Technology's Construction and HVACR programs at Ferris State University.
- **Momentum Fleet Vehicle Sales** provides our members access to huge vehicle discounts through our Preferred Fleet Program.
- **Large Format Copier** available to scan color large format prints and photocopying of specifications.
- **Copy Service for a nominal fee.** These copies can be picked up at our office or delivered to yours.
- **The Annual Meeting** is held in December every year allowing the membership to assemble, socialize and meet the newly elected board of directors.
- **Golf League** plays at Scott Lake Golf course and concludes with a banquet in September.
- **Annual Golf Outing** is held in July each year and includes lunch and dinner served at the club house.
- **Sporting Clays Shoot-Out** event with 5-person teams competing in a 100 target Sporting Clays, Skeet and Trap shoot.
- **West Michigan Design & Construction Expo** is our annual trade show co-hosted with CSI.



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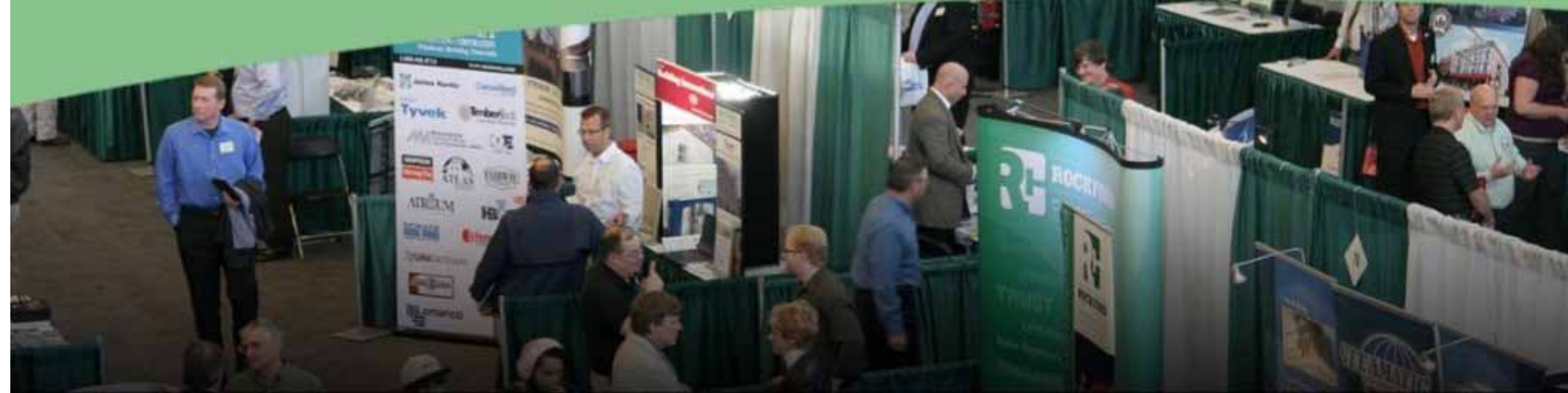
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WEST MICHIGAN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION EXPO OCTOBER 30, 2014



Event Hours: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Speaker Series: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

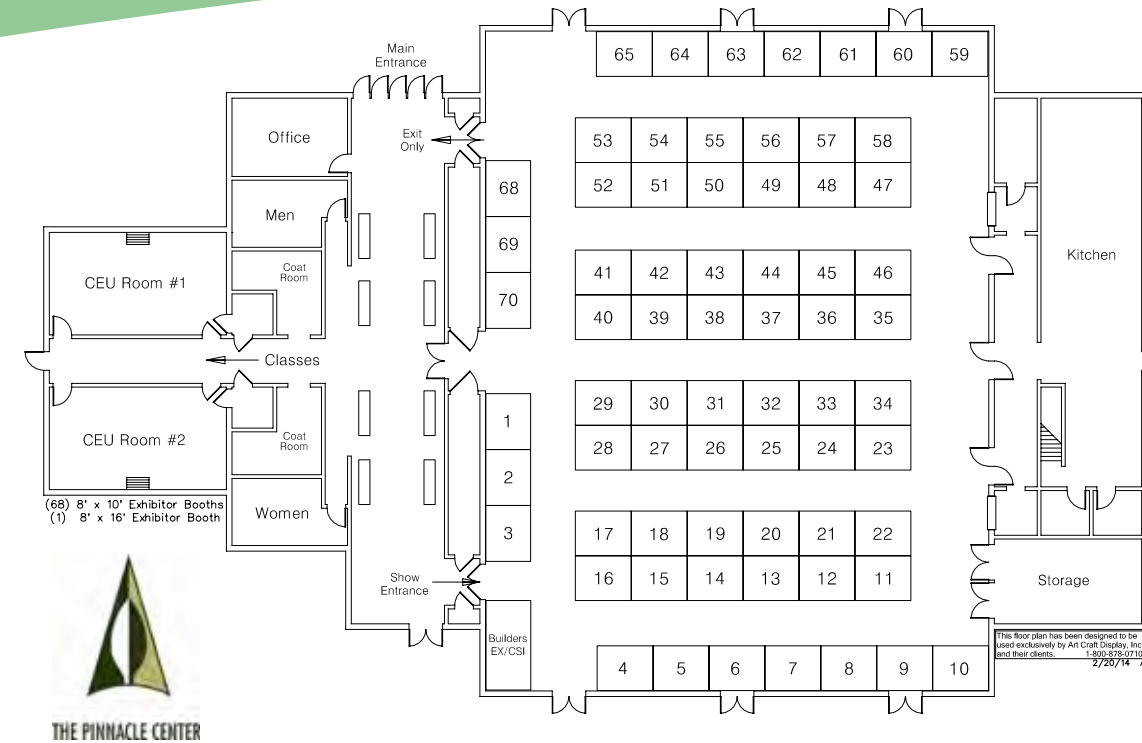
EXPO Floor: 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Networking: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Door prizes, great food and beverages throughout the day!
Grand Prize-iPad Mini!



SPEAKER SERIES	CLASS A ^(CEU)	CLASS B
SESSION 1 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)	What's in Your Front End? Understanding General Requirements* Bruce Courtade- Rhoades McKee Mike Alsgaard - FTCH	Top Five Challenges Facility Managers Face Sam Pinto - VanAndel Institute
SESSION 2 (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM)	Rigid Insulation – An Investment in Energy Efficiency (HSW)* Lisa Render Olson - Atlas EPS	The Most Important Tools in Your Kit: Using Negotiation Skills in the Construction Setting Bruce Courtade - Rhoades McKee
SESSION 3 (4:00 PM - 5:00 PM)	Laser Scanning (LiDAR)* Tim Platz - FTCH	Cloud Based Building Automation Tools Dave Meade - FTCH Mike Alsgaard- FTCH Sam Pinto - VanAndel Institute



#	Company	#	Company	#	Company	#	Company
1	Stonehenge Consulting PLC	21	ATAS International Inc	41	Elzinga & Volkers Construction Professionals	61	Available
2	Partition Systems	22	Automatic Door Service	42	Selleck Architectural Sales	62	Available
3	Henry Company	23	Tubelite Inc	43	Available	63	Costco
4	Unistrut	24	Guardian Industries	44	Available	64	K & M Dodge
5	Dependable Fire Protection	25	Eagle Tec	45	J2 Sales Solutions	65	Simplex Grinnell
6	Superior Asphalt Inc	26	Live Roof and Live Wall	46	Consumers Concrete	66	Available
7	All-Weather Seal	27	Triangle Associates Inc	47	Monsma Marketing	67	Available
8	Stanley Security	28	Centria	48	Vos Glass	68	JLM Wholesale
9	Versico	29	C D Barnes	49	Available	69	Icynene Corp
10	Grand Rapids Gravel	30	Potter Distributing	50	Available	70	Utilities Instrumentation Services
11	Kerkstra Precast Inc	31	BCT Benefits	51	CertainTeed		
12	Henderson Glass	32	Macatawa Bank	52	Carl Walker Inc		Associations
13	The Dow Chemical Company	33	Available	53	ASSA ABLOY Door Security Solutions		ABC
14	P M Technologies	34	Bishop Distributing	54	Gentex Corporation		AIA
15	Bryco Inc	35	Double O Supply & Craftsmen, Inc.	55	Firestone / MWA #48		IFMA
16	Marvin Windows and Doors	36	Atlas EPS	56	GP Densdeck		BOMA
17	DTE Energy	37	Home Acres Building Supply	57	Kemper		NAWIC
18	Lumbermen's Inc	38	Sika Sarnafil	58	Royalton		USGBC
19	Lumbermen's Inc	39	Hilti	59	Available		WMMCA
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As technology continues to show up every day in our work week, more electronic applications are becoming available to the construction industry. At last count, there were nearly 14,000. Many will take the project from planning to all phases of construction and beyond to completion. It doesn't matter if you are using a phone or tablet, or Apple or Android, they are all being designed to make your life a little easier in the construction world.

Many of the apps are already augmenting or replacing some of the daily things we use. For instance, reading, reviewing, and changing blueprints, pro calculators with multiple formulas, and 3D renderings, capable of walking you through buildings, looking up tables for steel plumbing, HVAC and electrical components. Practically anything that you can think of that would make your life easier is out there and if not, it's being developed as we speak. More and more companies are seeing the value of the technology. It will eventually be within your grasp if it is not already available. Technology is taking all phases of the construction industry to a whole new level.



Bruce A. Courtade, Attorney

Construction Law

Rhoades McKee, PC

Legal Alert: Corporate Records Scam

State of Michigan Warns Businesses Not to Fall for a Recent Scam

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has recently published a notice urging businesses not to provide any corporate record information over the phone. There have been reports of several Michigan corporations receiving a phone call from (882-014-0325) identifying themselves as a representative from the State of Michigan requesting an annual update of corporate information. This number has been linked to scams in California, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Texas.

LARA warns that these calls are not legitimate and advises companies not to provide any information over the phone.

As policy and practice, LARA mails all legitimate notices to the resident agent at the registered business office. If you receive a contact call or have a question regarding any verification of information, please contact LARA at 517-241-6470.

Rhoades McKee strongly encourages Michigan corporations and limited liability companies to keep thorough records to ensure compliance with applicable law and to preserve their limited liability under the law. If you have any questions regarding your business records, please contact Anthony Pearson of Rhoades McKee at 616.235.3500.



Eric Smith,

CPA, Partner

Beene Garter LLP

Is the Affordable Care Act taxing your real estate activities?

As part of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, Congress passed a 3.8% Medicare tax on net investment income. But what does this have to do with your rental real estate activities? Net investment income includes any financial gains from real estate income classified as passive income – and as a general rule, all rental real estate income is considered passive unless you qualify as a materially participating real estate professional or the rental property is considered a self-rental.

Materially Participating Real Estate Professional

To qualify as a real estate professional you need to be able to demonstrate 500 hours of participation in rental activities in the current year, or in five out of the last ten years. If you have more than one rental activity, the option to group all activities together may help to reach the 500-hour requirement.

Self-Rental

For your rental real estate to be considered a self-rental, you (as the owner of the rental property) must lease the property to a company in which you materially participate. Generally, if you work 500 hours in the company, it's considered material participation; however, there are many tests to determine this.

Consult with a tax professional to determine whether you should be paying the 3.8% Medicare tax on your rental real estate activity.



Patrick E. Mullen RA, Manager

Design & Construction Division

State of Michigan

Recently, Public Act 430 of 2012 amended the DMB Act to provide that for projects funded in whole or in part with state funds, the construction contract award shall be made to the responsive and responsible best value bidder, except as provided relative to veteran's preference.

The qualitative components of the three lowest responsive and responsible bidders will be compared to one another. The comparison may also include other bidders whose bids are within 10% of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. It is expected that the evaluation may be done through face-to-face or telephone interview. This evaluation will be done primarily by the Professional Services Contractor with assistance from the Project Director of the Design and Construction Division. The bidders will be evaluated for responsiveness and responsibility based criteria including compliance with all bid specifications and requirements, financial resources, technical capabilities, professional expertise, past performance, insurance and bonding capacity and business integrity.

The bids will be evaluated for best value based on price and qualitative components that may include but are not limited to technical design, technical approach, quality of proposed personnel, and management plans.

For contracts under \$250,000, best value will primarily be based on the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

If a Qualified Disabled Veteran meets the requirements of the contract solicitation and, with the veteran's preference, is the lowest bidder the DTMB Design and Construction Division will enter into the construction contract with the Qualified Disabled Veteran bidder.



INDUSTRY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

10/8

BOMA Meeting

Lunch
Presentation by Janet from
Detroit BOMA Building tour
White Caps Stadium

10/15

IFMA Meeting

Monthly Meeting
3:30-5:00
Meijer Gardens

10/16

ABC Meeting

General Membership Luncheon:
Benefits of Customer Relations
Management for Construction Companies
Speaker: DPT Solutions
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Egypt Valley Country Club

10/16

ASA Awards

Fifth Annual MCOY Awards
6:30-9:00
Meijer Gardens

10/21

ABC Meeting

Leadership Development Series Part I
Speakers: Lanny Bassham // Ron Magnus
7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Frederik Meijer Gardens

10/24

AIA Lunch

Lunch and Learn Abrasive Etching and
Painting on Glass
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
FSU\GRCC Applied Technology Center

10/28

ABC Meeting

General Membership Meeting:
Inside Michigan Politics
Speaker: Bill Ballanger
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Egypt Valley Country Club



10/30

Builders Exchange of MI and CSI

West Michigan Design and Construction Expo
Exhibitors, Classes, Raffles, Networking
12:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Pinnacle Center, Hudsonville

NOVEMBER

11/3

AIA Awards

Excellence in Construction Awards
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Keystone Community Church

11/12

BOMA Meeting

Lunch
Presentation by Carol Valade
Gemini Publishing
Celebration Cinema North

11/19

IFMA Meeting

Monthly Meeting
3:00-5:00
Location: TBD

11/21

AIA Lunch

Lunch and Learn Under Construction
11:30 – 1:30 p.m.
FSU\GRCC Applied Technology Center

DECEMBER

12 /2

ABC Meeting

General Membership Luncheon:
2015 Construction Economic Forecast
Speaker: Anirban Basu
Sponsor: FCCI Insurance
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Pinnacle Center

12/11

ABC Meeting

Leadership Development Series Part II
Speaker: Rob Elliott – Pondera Advisors
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Frederik Meijer Gardens

12/11

Builder Exchange of MI Lunch Series

Lien Law Seminar
Bruce Cortade of Rhoades McKee, PC
Noon – 1 p.m.
Builders Exchange of Michigan

12/19

AIA Lunch

Lunch and learn Under Construction
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
FSU\GRCC Applied Technology Center

SAVE the DATE

Upcoming events in 2015

Builders Exchange of MI Lunch Series

Legal Lunch and Learn Seminars
w/Bruce Courtade of Rhoades McKee PC

Jan 15, 2015 – Surety Bond Seminar
Feb 12, 2015 How To Get Paid Seminar



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Gerald R. Ford International Airport

FTCH Awarded Airport Parking Deck Roof Contract —

Builders Exchange Quarterly News spoke with Gerald R. Ford Airport Facilities Director, Tom Ecklund recently regarding the contract award to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber for designing the new parking deck roof. “We felt they were the best qualified. They had high energy and have worked on similar projects,” stated Ecklund. “They also gave us a number of options to look at and presented possible construction phasing scenarios.” The review committee was impressed with the face to face interview.

The \$17.2 million construction project is to complete the roof that was originally included in the 2007 plans. Ecklund said, “The original bids were too high, so we decided not to proceed.” However, when the parking deck was completed in 2009, the lack of snow control proved to be a real issue. “That upper level closes in winter and guests are required park in other lots.”

The firm was charged with building a roof that is functional, architecturally compatible to the airport canopy, and provide a comfortable visitor experience.

The new roof is funded as part of the Airport’s capital budget. The majority of the costs will be on the steel joists, but the plan is to find savings in the roof itself as they compare metal roofs to membrane type roofs. “The membrane roofs are less costly and they give us more design options,” said Ecklund.

FTCH is also challenged to determine the feasibility of solar panels on the roof. They will compare the energy benefits gained from the panels to the costs of installing the panels. FTCH will also need to complete a critical glare analysis on the solar panels.

Established in 1956, FTCH is a professional architectural/engineering, civil engineering, environmental, and construction services consulting firm with offices in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Novi, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Cincinnati, Ohio. The company reports that years of steady growth have increased the staff to over 360 people. FTCH works with clients from the industrial, governmental, institutional, and private sectors. Their projects range from small feasibility, planning, and regulatory studies to very large design and construction projects. FTCH states its core purpose is to “help people realize their visions while benefiting society.”

Two bid packages are planned; Early November for the structural steel, including shop drawings, and the second bid package for the general contractor will occur in the spring. Completion of the roof and opening are slated for Thanksgiving of 2015.

Project Lead

Tom Ecklund

Facilities Management Director

Kent County Department of Aeronautics
Gerald R. Ford International Airport



Timeline

Structural Steel Bid – November 2014
General Contractor Bid – Spring 2015

Projected Completion – November 2015

MEMBER TO MEMBER



The Commercial & Fleet Department of Fox Ford Grand Rapids was recently recognized as a Top 10 Commercial Dealership in the United States for 2013 sales volume on the F350 – F550 Chassis Cab truck line. This national recognition is in addition to being listed as the Number #1 Commercial dealer in the Detroit Region in sales for truck sales. Fox Ford has been a Ford Business Preferred dealer since 1997. The team at Fox Ford includes John Steere, Steve Scheffler, Jim McCormick & Jerry Vredevelt.



Wolverine Building Group shared a retrospective view of the company's history in a stunning 75th Anniversary Issue of the *Wolverine Update*. The edition showcased a photographic timeline from 1974 to the present. Founded in 1939, a small family-run subcontracting business opened its doors as Wolverine Tile Company and has since grown into a nationally recognized General Contractor, Construction Manager and Design/Builder. BX Quarterly extends congratulations to Wolverine Building Group and their 120 employees. Aaron Jonker, of Wolverine Building Group stated, "Wolverine has been proud of the partnerships it's developed with its trade partners and suppliers over the last 75 years – we couldn't have made it without them! Looking forward to 75 more!"



Preferred Construction Group owners, friends, family and many on lookers braved a rainy September

day to witness the opening of its new location on the corner of Kalamazoo and Burton in southeast Grand Rapids.

Their new offices are located in a 2-story brick building which was a former fire station. PCG recently completed the renovation of this building. This renovation signifies the investment PCG is making in the community where they are located. PCG touts they are a hard-working General/Construction Management firm. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony and tour took place on September 10.



Integrated Architecture encourages you to watch the construction happening at Mid Towne Village. Their web cam is placed at the site of the new Mid Towne Village Hotel, a 5-story, 94,000 SF project, and offers a bird's eye view of the building's progress. The \$27 million project plans include 141 rooms and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2015. Designed to be LEED certified, the project is being built by Pioneer Construction. View the progress at <http://oxblue.com/open/pioneer/mtv>.

Titan Interiors was recently awarded Metro Health Village Retirement Center with Granger Construction. Titan reps stated, "We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Granger Construction for putting trust in Titan Interiors and let us be a part of this amazing project." This project is scheduled to be completed in August of 2015.



After 50 years in the Waters Building, Rhoades McKee relocated to newly designed offices in the River Front Plaza Building, 55 Campau Avenue NW, Suite 300, adjacent to the JW Marriott.

"Designed with our clients in mind, the new space offers state-of-the-art design and technology as well as open and collaborative work areas to reinforce the coordinated efforts of over twenty five legal practice specialties," stated Paul A. McCarthy, President of Rhoades McKee. "The modern design parallels the energy and enthusiasm of the firm and better reflects the excellence of our team of professionals" he continued.

The firm will occupy the second and third floors and lease approximately 40,000 square feet with an opportunity for continued expansion. Natural light and views of the Grand River, Blue Bridge and downtown Grand Rapids will be enjoyed by clients and firm members alike. Coinciding with its move, Rhoades McKee is transitioning to a new and likewise more contemporary logo, which also echoes the firm's location on the Grand River in the heart of downtown.

American Airlines officially expanded its East Coast connectivity by launching new routes to Charlotte and Philadelphia from the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFA). The Airport reports the new nonstop service from Grand Rapids, MI (GRR) offers flights to Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). The service will be operated as US Airways Express with 50-seat CRJ-200 aircraft

"We are thrilled to have American, and partner US Airways, expand our air service market in Grand Rapids, and we look forward to offering more choices for our travelers," said GFA Executive Director Brian Ryks.

"This new nonstop service to Charlotte and Philadelphia will not only connect West Michigan to two large, thriving cities, but it will also provide convenient connections to many other domestic and international destinations."

AGA is pleased to announce they are an award winning green roof design and consulting company located in Grand Rapids, MI. AGA designed and developed the patent-pending Advanced Green Roof systems through applied knowledge of scientific, green roof research. The company states that their systems provide a single source services approach for their clients. They also provide a Design-Installation-Maintenance program that offers leading edge solutions for every project.

Through their research AGA has created industry leading products and services. AGA is committed to providing the highest level of client services to create lasting relationships and ensure sustainable, high performance green roofs.

AGA also supports Michigan businesses by manufacturing their products in-state to promote local economies.

AGA also provides national green roof systems capabilities. J. Costen from the company states, "we have clients that are located throughout the US. Our single source systems approach provides us the ability to offer our products and services on both a regional and national basis. Not only does AGA incorporate sustainability into all of our projects, we also promote sustainable business practices in the our daily operations."



Located at 700 Ottawa in Grand Rapids Michigan, Gray Skies Distillery is a small batch distillery creating Vodka, Gin, Bourbon and Rye. It is slated to open at the beginning of summer of 2015. Current construction consist of renovating the facility into production and warehousing, offices and a tasting room that will be open to the public. The company, owned by Brandon Voorhees plans for a 2500 sq. ft., tasting room that will accommodate 50 - 75 people.

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MEMBER PROFILE



Orion Construction Prepares to Celebrate!

Orion Construction, founded in 2000, has grown from a two-employee construction company to a multi-faceted construction and real estate development firm with a strong backlog of work and an aggressive growth strategy. The company is celebrating its 15th year anniversary in 2015 with the completion of marquee projects, game-changing strategic alignments and a culture that embraces hard work, honesty, integrity and community enhancement.

Today Orion Construction and Orion Real Estate Solutions (ORES) specializes in the public/private sector and has focused efforts on obtaining available grants and tax incentives that help owners and investors bring their dreams to fruition. "We take on challenging projects and work hard through the pre-construction and financing stages to ensure our clients are prepared and understand the climate. It's our intention to offer services that make it easier for a serious investor to complete a project that enhances the community, is economically viable and fills a need" says ORES President, John Wheeler.

Orion is focused on urban core revitalization through mixed-use developments that create local jobs and offer unique services to the community they enter. Examples include one of Grand Rapids' largest new construction projects the urban core has seen in years- Arena Place- www.arenaplacegr.com. The 11-story mixed-use development brings Class-A office space, 100 market rate residential units, ample parking, retail, restaurant and office space. Orion broke ground in July 2014 and is on schedule to complete the multi-million dollar development in 2015.

When complete, the 376,347 sq. ft. development will house hundreds of full-time employees and bring several more full and part-time jobs to the Arena District through retail and restaurant opportunities. "The future looks good for Orion. We are very excited for 2015 and we are grateful to our clients, our city and our state for the opportunities we've had. We continue to look at projects that reinforce our mission and strengthen us at our core" finished Wheeler.



Renderings - ARENA PLACE, Orion Construction

FLEET AUTOMOTIVE UPDATE FROM MOMENTUM GROUPS



The Builders Exchange's vehicle program for 2014 has some new and exciting offers and services

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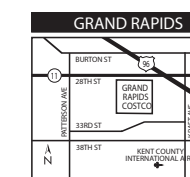
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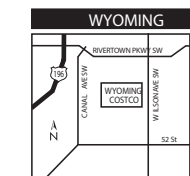
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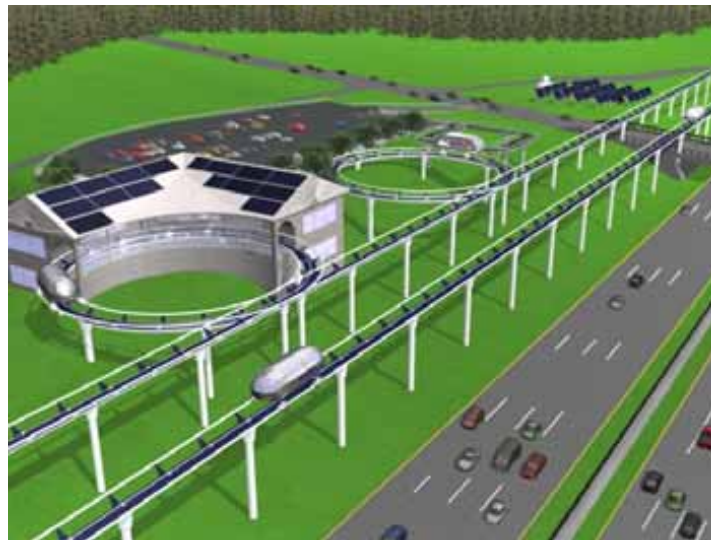
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Interstate Traveler

Building the Hydrogen Super Highway



Builders Exchange met with Justin Sutton, Founder and Managing Partner of The Interstate Traveler Company to get an update on The Interstate Traveler company's Hydrogen Super Highway. Approved 11 years ago by the House and Senate by unanimous resolutions in 2003, the project may finally be up for bid in 2015, with construction projects beginning in 2016.

The Interstate Traveler company's Hydrogen Super Highway, also known as HyRail will allow passengers, automobiles and freight to travel at high speeds along highways and rail roads all across the State that could exceed 300 miles per hour in some ideal locations. The railway cars would travel up to 300 miles per hour and travel from Detroit to Grand Rapids, carrying passengers across the state in only 40 minutes. Passengers would be charged a "by the minute" fare.

The owner believes this project will consist of 100 new buildings in the Metro Detroit and Ann Arbor areas, as well as the construction of 60 visitor stations along I-96 in West Michigan and an additional 14 stations, near airports and hospitals located on the east side of the state. Sutton says, "The construction of these traveler stations can be anything and look like anything." He hopes each of the travel stations will be integrated into their community and that their appearance will reflect the community.

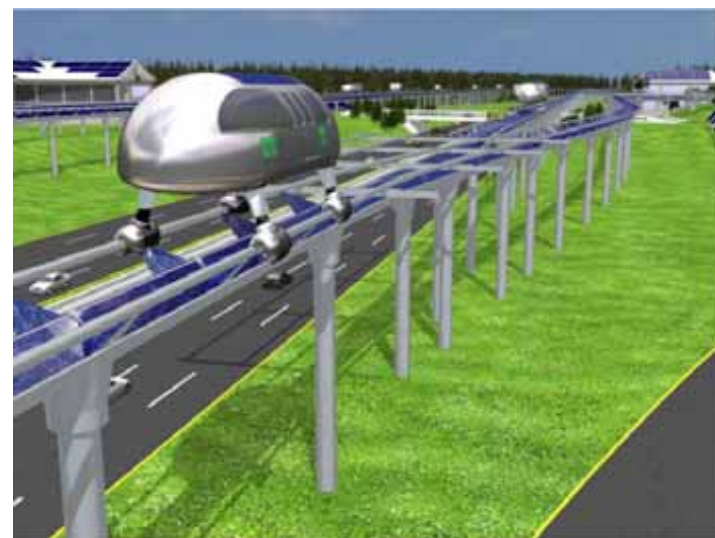
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Justin Sutton
Interstate Traveler Company

Sutton was in Michigan in mid-September and shared this message as he spoke as a featured presenter at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), 2014 National Training Conference which took place in Detroit. Sutton spent time to update us on the project which is still waiting on finalization, "The Governor has the authority to sign a public and private contract to build the interstate highway connecting Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Muskegon along the interstate. 50 large construction contracts will be available at the same time, and there will be opportunities for local civil engineers and architects galore."

The rail way will create a revenue share that will pay per-capita revenue to the State, the Counties and other Local forms of government like cities, townships and tribal lands across the entire state. Sutton says the project will also fund four Public Trust companies that will distribute a portion of revenue share to medical, education, historical and recreational grant applications.

Builders Exchange of Michigan Construction News Reporter Jill Boeve, reminds you to track this project online at our site under Pre Bid. Said Boeve, "We will be working directly with the owner to provide details on this upcoming project. Members should check back in September 2015 for an expected update on design bid."



PROJECT WATCH

Jill Boeve, our Builders Exchange Pre Bid Reporter is tracking and updating hundreds of projects online. Here are just a few. Log on to view the details and notes as you track this major projects.



GRANDRAPIDS-REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING BUILDING INTO GRAYSKIES DISTILLERY — Existing building is 13,000 sq ft single story former industrial building that has been used for storage. Construction will consist of renovating the facility into production and warehousing, offices and a tasting room that will be open to the public. The tasting room will be 2,500 sq ft and will accommodate 50 - 75 people. Manufacturing of the spirits will occur on the premises and spirits will be sold on-site for retail purchase. The outside of the building will be improved to make it more visually appealing. A large window will be inserted next to the main entrance to provide for more light into the tasting room. Other large existing windows will also be replaced with new windows. The current canopy overhang will be restored and new signage will be added. Note: there will be no live entertainment area or outdoor seating. Bike parking will be installed and 19 parking spaces will be striped on site. Owner Brandon Voorhees seeking site plan approval from the City of Grand Rapids. Construction to be completed by Summer 2015. *Estimated costs: N/A*

NEW HUDSON - EXPANSION OF SEQUENTIAL BATCH REACTOR AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - LYON TOWNSHIP — The existing WWTP consists of two 500,000 gallon per day sequential batch reactors (SBR's), preceded by a 250,000 gallon equalization tank. Project would consist of expansion of 1 SBR (Sequential Batch Reactor) to 1.25 Million Gallons per Day. UPDATE: As of September 9, 2014, per Engineering Firm, project will be out for bid in the next few months for award at the January 2015 Township Board meeting. Construction anticipated to begin February 2015 with completion September 2016. *Estimated costs: \$5,000,000.00*

BIG RAPIDS - FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SWAN BUILDING ANNEX RENOVATION PROJECT - FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY — Swan Building Annex renovation project. The proposed expansion will double the instructional and laboratory space for the University's award-winning welding engineering technology program and create a Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The Swan Annex, the primary home of the Welding Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Technology programs, requires additional program space to serve current student enrollment, expand enrollment to ease the student waiting list, and to address industry demand for graduates. UPDATE: STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDED PROJECT. Architect & Engineer Services were due September 11, 2014. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS: Please See Project Number 2014-2475 RFP Construction Management Services was due on September 30, 2014. Bidding is anticipated start September 15, 2015. Construction anticipated to begin October 2015. *Estimated costs: \$22,300,000.00*

NORWAY - PHASE I WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS - CITY OF NORWAY — Project will consist of necessary improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Infrastructure and Equipment. Improvements will include a new head works, blowers, clarifier upgrades, piping, and major electrical work. There will also be upgrades to the building and to the sludge handling process. UPDATE: April 2014 USDA Rural Development announced a 1.1 Million Dollar Grant and a 1.6 Million Dollar USDA Rural Development Loan to fund this project. As of September 10, 2014 project is planned for the 2015 construction season. *Estimated costs: \$5,500,000.00*



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