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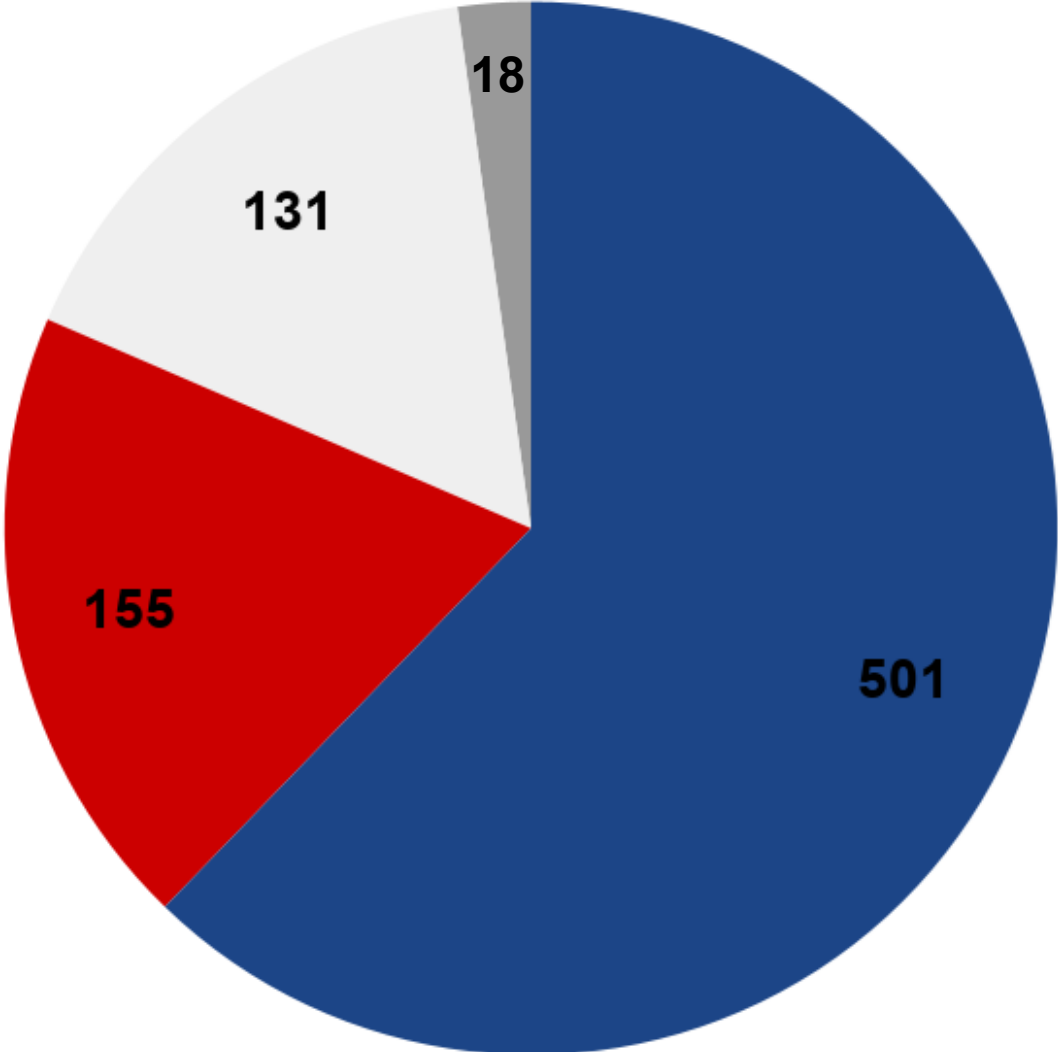
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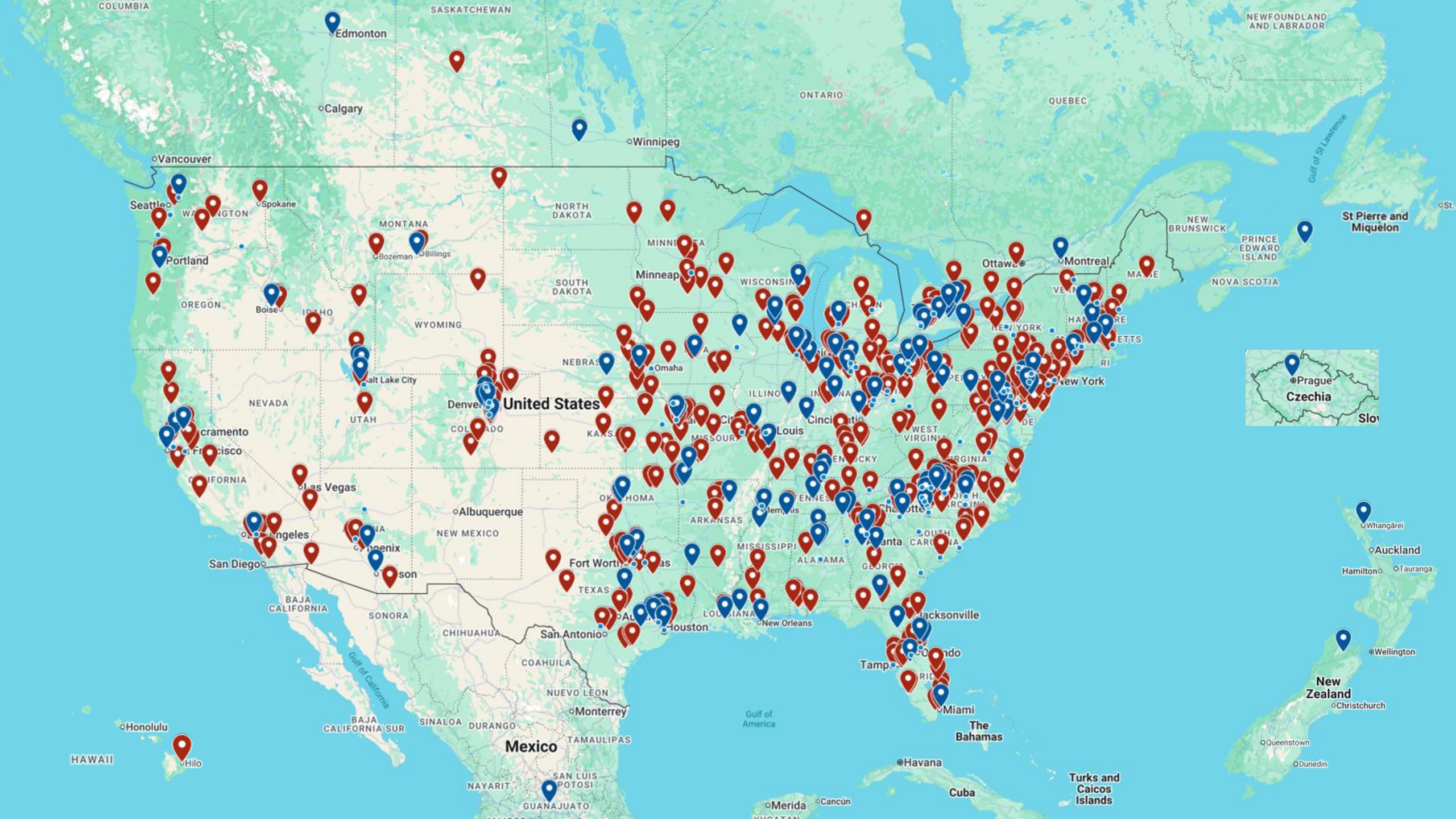


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MBCEA Presents...

January

MBCEA for District/Regional Managers

David Leinbach

February

**The Davis Bacon Act & Prevailing Wage
Laws – “The Do’s and Don’ts”**

Adam Bonsky and Brittini Engle

March

Metal Buildings, Tighter Than Air

Robert Tiffin and Vince Sagan

April

**High-Performance Fiberglass Insulation
and Energy Codes - NIA**

Upcoming Events

5/7

**Carolinas Spring Scholarship Event
2026**

5/14

**Insulated Metal Panels from Application
to Installation**
IMPA and Brucha

5/14

**Greater Ohio Chapter 2nd Annual Clay
Shoot**

5/15

AC478 Roundtable

Upcoming Events

6/4

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Annual Sporting Clays

6/5

Rocky Mountain Chapter 2026 Annual Clay Shoot

6/11

Midwest Chapter Golf Tournament and Shrimp Boil

6/15

Ontario Chapter First Annual Golf Tournament

6/18-21

Carolinas Chapter Summer Meeting 2026

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New MBCEA President Looks Ahead to 2026

By David Flaherty

Posted January 29, 2026



Since this is the State of the Industry edition of *Metal Construction News*, it seems appropriate to report on the State of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA). I am David Leinbach of Kaiser-Martin Group, and I am just beginning my two-year term as president. Joining me this year are Bryan Harshbarger of Briner Building, ably serving as vice-president; Dave Tomchak of Bay Insulation Systems, as treasurer; and Steven Hudgins of Rainwater Construction, as secretary. We have a fabulous board of directors comprised of contractors, erectors, and suppliers representing all facets of the industry. We are very competently supported by our wonderful executive director, Sasha Demyan, and her team.

I am pleased to report that the association just completed a five-year strategic plan that will serve MBCEA well as it grows both numerically and geographically. Below are the highlights of the plan.

Organization

The association agreed to expand the board so that it has a robust representation of the members with documented processes, SOPs, and succession plans. We remained focused on driving value for members.

Finance

The association is financially sound and will continue to make strategic investments in ideas/programs that are meaningful to members. Our [National Conference](#), MBCEA training curriculum, and AC478 accreditation are perfect examples of these investments. Behind the scenes, we are transitioning from an annual budget process to a three-year look-ahead and evaluating our vendor partners for key services, including legal counsel, insurance, and financial Advisor.

Quality Initiative AC478

We continue to prioritize this program as the best way to improve our industry and trade from the ground up. The accreditation is prioritizing alliances with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) local chapters and working with manufacturers to recommend and ultimately require AC478. This is a long game, but it does begin with you. Accreditation establishes an industry standard to identify those players doing the right thing and are committed to safety, training, and quality. I challenge every contractor and erector member to consider AC478: attend a webinar or roundtable, speak with an accredited colleague, or reach out to MBCEA for more information. CHANGE Begins with YOU.

Membership and marketing

I am pleased to report membership is at an all-time high with 90 percent retention rates. We continue to drill down on attracting and retaining new members, while fine-tuning the application and review process. The MBCEA National Conference continues to set the bar for what a successful conference should be. This year, we are in Colorado Springs with a focus on management. Speakers and educational tracks have been carefully curated to help members improve their businesses. Next year, we are changing it up with an exciting new format that is sure to please. Stay tuned for more information.

Kenilworth Media Metal Construction News

In the 2026 *Metal Construction News* State of the Industry roundtable, a panel of five industry leaders discussed the landscape and trajectory of the metal and architecture industries. This summary provides an overview of the discussion's topics, focusing on the impacts of tariffs, the role of technology and AI, and the skilled labor shortage. The full video can be viewed above.



Our panel of experts for the 2026 State of the Industry Roundtable: David Leinbach, Christen Funk, DJ van Rooyen, Mark Bus, and Steven Hudgins.

Joining MCN executive publisher Melanie Kowal were the following professionals:

David Leinbach

David K. Leinbach is president and founder of Kaiser Construction. He acquired Martin Construction Company of Denver, Pa., a commercial contractor, in 2010. In 2017, the companies merged to form the Kaiser-Martin Group, creating a general contracting company well-suited for future growth. Leinbach also holds majority ownership of Kaiser Investment, a property management firm, and serves as the current president of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA).

Christen Funk

Christen Funk is president of Butler Manufacturing and chair of the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA). Funk brings more than two decades of experience leading global businesses and driving growth. She has managed massive P&Ls, led teams of hundreds, and delivered strategies that transformed markets. Before joining Butler, she helped Rain Bird achieve double-digit growth and expand into new segments. Earlier in her career, she scaled Rubbermaid Commercial Products through innovation and acquisitions.

DJ van Rooyen

DJ van Rooyen has been a founding partner in Steel Worx Solutions, LLC, since 2005. In his role at the company, he has spent the last two decades building Steel Worx Solutions into a leading provider of steel and metal construction services.

Mark Bus

Mark Bus is the national sales manager for ATAS International. In addition to his position at ATAS, Bus serves on the national Metal Roofing Alliance (MRA) board and the board of St. Joseph the Worker School in Orefield, Pa.

Steven Hudgins

With more than two decades of experience in the commercial construction industry, Steven leads the Rainwater Construction team as president. Hudgins' construction industry experience includes 14 years with Butler Manufacturing.

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MCS Influencer Sasha Demyan says to focus on how we continue to attract, prepare and support top talent in an industry that demands skill, leadership and resilience.

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Your Guide to MBCEA's 57th Annual Conference

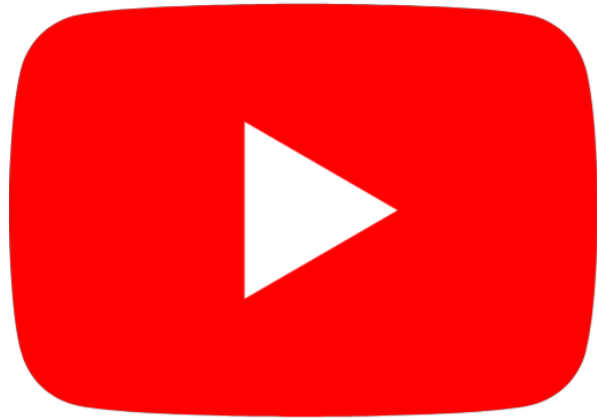


In this episode of MetalCast™, Karen Edwards sits down with two leaders from the Metal Building Contractors & Erectors Association (MBCEA): David Leinbach, incoming president, and Robert Tiffin, past president and chairman of marketing. Together, they share an inside look at what attendees can expect at the 57th Annual MBCEA Conference and the upcoming MBMA Spring Meeting.

From education tracks and networking opportunities to industry-wide collaboration and key initiatives, this conversation offers a first look at what will shape this year's event and the future of the metal building community.

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Curriculum Update

- 9 of the 14 units are Ready or almost ready for test-drive / final approval
- Curriculum is delivered via a LMS (Learning Management Software). Learners can engage with a phone, computer, or internet connected device.
- April Newsletter had a call for erectors willing to test-drive. Have [YOU responded?](#)
- Conference App has a poll about training. [RESPOND](#) and you might win one of 5 \$500 scholarships for use when the training goes live.
- Please [ATTEND](#) the Friday session called **PLAs, RCO's and Apprenticeship and MB Curriculum** for more information.

MBMA Building Systems Members Meetings



**Northeast Builder Meeting
Hershey, PA**

**Southeast Builder Meeting
Savannah, GA**

Invite us and we will attend!

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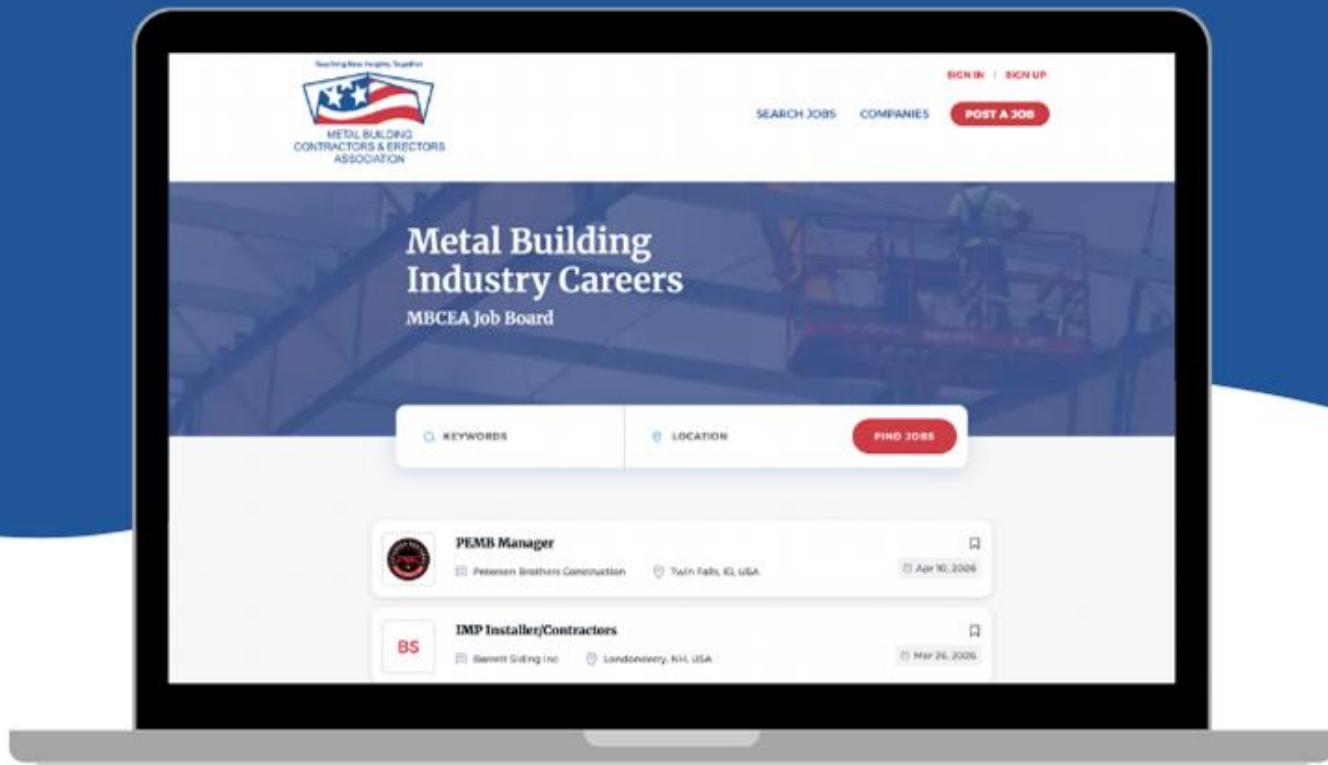


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- **Expanded Exhibit Hall**
- **Vendor Training Opportunities**
- **Targeted Education Tracks**
- **Networking That Counts**



What's New at MBMA?

Tony Bouquot

General Manager





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Jon Paul (JP) Cardin



WEEK + HEARINGS



2025 ICC Leadership Committee Action Plan April 26 – May 6





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Public Comment Hearings Webcast

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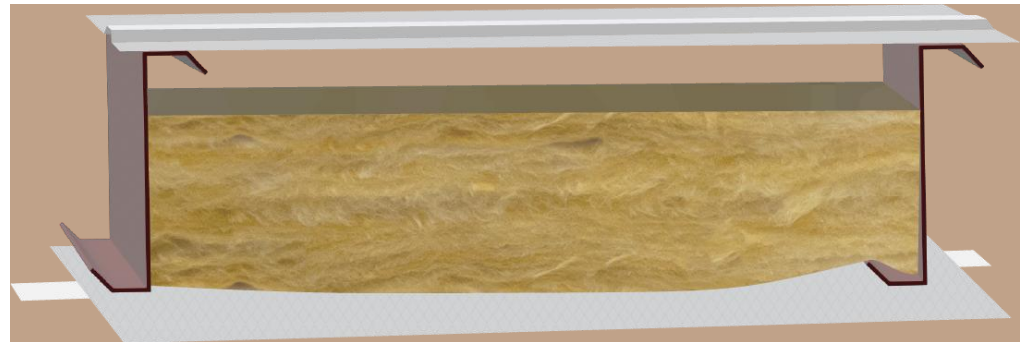


2025 MBCEA North Carolina General Contractors Continuing Education Event



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