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MBCEA members receive free access to the Quality & Craftsmanship 101 11-module video series, \$200 off the annual subscription to the 102 IMP and 201 Retrofit Roofing Modules, and \$150 off the Guidelines for Temporary Bracing. The discount code can be found on our [Training page](#).

Every contractor and erector should have a copy of the guidelines and access the training!

Greetings!

One Industry, One Quality Standard: MBCEA and MBMA Champion AC478 & AC472



Quality in metal building construction is a shared responsibility. Manufacturers must deliver systems designed and fabricated to exacting standards, while contractors and erectors must assemble those systems safely, accurately and consistently in the field. The collaboration between the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA) and the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA) reflects that complete approach to quality.

MBMA recently strengthened that message by encouraging metal building contractors and erectors to pursue IAS AC478 accreditation. On its [accreditation page](#), MBMA describes AC478 as a benchmark for companies qualified to assemble and erect metal buildings and encourages participation as a demonstration of commitment to quality, safety, organization and professional qualifications.

This support is a natural extension of MBMA's longstanding commitment to IAS AC472. Every MBMA building manufacturer member is AC472 accredited, providing independent verification of design, engineering, manufacturing and fabrication processes. AC478 carries that same culture of accountability to the jobsite. Together, AC472 and AC478 connect quality from the plant floor to final assembly—helping ensure that a well-engineered and well-manufactured building is also erected by a company with proven management and inspection practices.

Administered by the International Accreditation Service (IAS), AC478 evaluates key elements of a metal building assembler's operation, including documented management systems, safety and training programs, jobsite-specific assembly plans, internal audits, management reviews and field practices. An onsite jobsite assessment confirms that written procedures are being followed in real-world conditions. For builders, accreditation can improve

Get Paid to Train your Team

The Ketenbrink Education Fund (KEF) has immediate mini-grant opportunities open to all MBCEA Members. Train your team using the MBI Quality and Craftsmanship 101 series. KEF will grant you \$250 each for up to 5 employees who successfully complete the 11-module series **and testing** from 5/1/26 through 10/1/26. The tests will cost you \$110/pp but you will receive \$250 in grant money.

MBI Q&C training is a required element for AC478 accreditation.

\$50,000 has been allocated for this grant program. Grant will close when funds run out.

Note that only those that have successfully completed the testing product are eligible to apply. (Think of it as a "refund".)

Apply



20% OFF
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The image shows a laptop displaying the MBCEA Job Board website. Below the laptop is a red button with the text 'jobs.mbcea.org' and the MBCEA logo.

consistency, strengthen documentation, identify operational gaps and provide a meaningful point of differentiation in an increasingly quality-conscious market.

MBCEA is helping companies turn that goal into action. The association encourages all metal building contractors and erectors to pursue AC478 and provides members with consultative support, educational resources, an accreditation guide and recurring roundtable discussions. MBCEA also urges owners, developers and architects to require AC478 in project specifications and encourages building officials to look for accreditation before issuing permits.

For companies considering AC478, this September is an ideal time to begin. Review [MBCEA's resources](#), join an introductory session or roundtable, and speak with the association about the path forward. MBCEA's latest statement makes clear that manufacturers and assemblers are aligned: independent accreditation strengthens individual businesses and advances the reputation of the entire metal building industry.

David Leinbach
President, MBCEA
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Job Board Promo through 9/30!

Are you interested in seeing what metal building industry jobs are out there? Do you have a position to fill?

Take advantage of this promotion to save 20% through 9/30 on your job posts! Job seekers, get notified when new jobs are posted by creating an account! Promo code: mbcea_20off_sep at www.jobs.mbcea.org.

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2027 Dues Increase Notice

Pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of its bylaws, the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association is providing notice to its membership that annual dues will increase by 3% effective for the 2027 membership year.

This modest adjustment allows MBCEA to continue delivering strong value and meaningful benefits to our members. In recent years, we've expanded our offerings to better support your success, including a free monthly MBCEA Presents webinar series, enhanced new member onboarding, expanded educational resources, and increased staff support to provide more responsive service. Our mobile app also makes it easier than ever to stay connected and access valuable member resources anytime.

As this increase will take effect after the required notice period, renewal invoices issued on November 1, 2026 will reflect the updated dues rates for 2027.

We sincerely appreciate your continued engagement and investment in MBCEA and look forward to continuing to support your business and the industry.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Technical Corner: New Guidance for Design Professionals and Contractors

MBCEA Technical Committee

The MBCEA Technical Committee has released a new resource, *"Correctly Specify Metal Building Assembler Qualifications,"* to help address growing confusion in project specifications regarding contractor qualification requirements.

As quality assurance requirements become more common, some metal building projects are being specified with credentials developed for conventional structural steel erection rather than those designed specifically for metal building systems. This document explains the distinct purposes of the AISC Certified Erector Program and IAS AC478 Accreditation, highlights the industry-specific role of AC478, and provides practical guidance for architects, engineers, and specifiers when selecting qualification requirements.

By aligning project specifications with the actual scope of work, design professionals can help ensure qualified contractors are evaluated under the standards developed for the work they perform, while preserving fair competition and maintaining high standards of quality, safety, and professionalism.

Business Finance Corner: IPO Reality vs. the Headlines

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Over the past several months, there has been a lot of buzz around some high-profile private companies potentially making their way into the public markets. From major breakthroughs in aerospace engineering to the rapid growth of generative artificial intelligence developers, these are massive organizations—and understandably, they're getting a lot of attention.

When a recognizable company starts approaching an Initial Public Offering (IPO), the media coverage tends to ramp up quickly. And it's completely natural to wonder: **Should I be trying to get in on this?**

But this is where we think it's important to look beyond the excitement and understand how IPOs actually work—especially for individual investors.

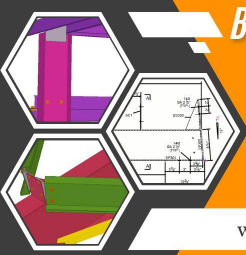
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Introducing Our New Community Wall!

We're excited to launch a brand-new way for members to connect, collaborate, and engage with one another right inside our mobile app!

This new feature gives you a space to:

- Share project photos and videos
- Start discussions about industry trends and challenges
- Create polls and gather opinions from the community
- Share useful resources and links
- Create hashtags to help members find relevant topics
- Ask questions and exchange ideas
- Comment on and engage with other members' posts
- Think of it as a social network built specifically for our MBCEA members! Whether you're seeking advice, celebrating a success, sharing insights, or networking with others in the industry, the Community Wall is the place to start the conversation.

The Community Wall is built for our members, by our members. The more you participate, the more valuable it becomes for everyone.

Join the conversation today and help create a vibrant space where MBCEA members can connect, learn, and grow together! As a reminder, a [website version](#) is now available.



MBCEA Contractor Members, Please Participate in the MBMA NPS Survey

You may have received an email, so you can either respond to that or respond here by April 30th.

NPS Survey

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