



# Member Memo

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## Enter Your Best Construction Projects in the Wells Fargo and BCA Excellence in Construction Awards

What noteworthy construction projects have you worked on this year? Take inventory and submit your projects for consideration in the *BCA Excellence in Construction Awards*. BCA is pleased to partner with **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** for the 2017 awards program honoring outstanding construction projects completed in 2016.

Nominations are currently being accepted in the categories of renovation over and under \$2 million and new construction over and under \$6 million. Any BCA member is invited to submit projects for consideration...whether you were the architect, general contractor, subcontractor, or supplier of materials or services for the project.



### Excellence In Construction

Detailed information and an Intent to Nominate Form are available by clicking below.

[Call for Entries | BCA Excellence in Construction Awards](#)

BCA extends sincere appreciation to member firm **Wells Fargo Bank** and **Brian Heflin**, Regional Business Banking Manager, for their continuing support of this awards program.

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Citizens Square

**BCA Young Professionals Forum**  
Wed., Jan. 25  
Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

**First Aid and CPR**  
Two Offerings!

## Contractors Invited to Pipeline Safety Meetings in January

Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing, and/or buried utility lines, always "Call Before You Dig." Most states require two working-days' notice to the One-Call center to allow the utility companies to mark their pipelines and utilities at your proposed digging site. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, blasts, or drills within a pipeline right-of-way. By contacting the One-Call Center first, this type of damage can be prevented. Sometimes pipeline companies will require a representative to be present to monitor the safe excavation.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

You are invited to a complimentary breakfast on January 16 at 7:30 a.m. at Ceruti's for a refresh on requirements. Click on the following link for more information or to register to attend: [Contractor Damage Prevention & Pipeline Safety Program](#). Meetings outside of Fort Wayne are also scheduled as noted on their website.

Thurs., Feb. 9 or  
Thurs., Feb. 16  
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
BCA Office

**OSHA 30-Hour  
Construction Safety  
Training Course**  
Feb. 28, Mar. 2, 7 & 9  
BCA Office

## OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS



February 22-23, 2017

## Welcome, New Members!

### The Garland Company

*Manufacturer of High-  
Performance Roofing  
and Building Envelope  
Solutions*  
Austin Papenbrock  
(260) 409-7200  
*Referred by Lucas  
Konger of Vintage  
Archonics*

### Grabill Insurance Center

*Insurance Agency*  
Ray Gage  
(260) 627-3641  
*Referred by Mick  
Jackson of James S.  
Jackson*

### Travelers

*Construction Bonding  
and Insurance*  
Andrew Brown  
(317) 818-0189  
*Referred by Kevin  
Hughes of ONI Risk  
Partners*

## Money- Saving Member Benefits

## Special Thanks to the Young Professionals Forum Event Sponsor

*...Featuring a Holiday Party at Hoppy Gnome*



- December Event Sponsors -



## Safety in numbers

*...with workers' compensation insurance through the  
Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana.*



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## New I-9 Form Required January 21

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has released a newly revised Employment Verification Form, Form I-9.

Employers are required to use the Form I-9 to verify the identity and employment authorization eligibility of their employees. The new Form I-9 will become mandatory on January 22, 2017.



For more information, including the revised version, visit the website of the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](http://www.uscis.gov).

## Mayors' and Commissioners' Caucus and LEDO Council Endorse Legislative Agenda

The Mayors' and Commissioners' Caucus, which is convened by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, recently published its 2017 Legislative Agenda. The Caucus prioritized the following four policies:

1. **Regional Development Authority Funding** - Supports continued appropriations for the Regional Development Authority in the state biennium budget and local taxation in Regional Development Authority counties for the purpose of funding Regional Cities projects.
2. **Transportation Funding** - Encourages the General Assembly to find sustainable road funding solutions and recommends the prioritization of regional transportation projects including U.S. 30, State Road 5, U.S. 33 and State Roads 205 and 8.
3. **Food and Beverage Tax Option** - Supports the ability for each county or municipal unit in Northeast Indiana's 11 counties to enact a local food and beverage tax up to 2 percent.
4. **Criminal Housing Funding** - Advocates for increased funding for housing Level 6 felony offenders in local jurisdictions and allows for funding to be utilized for criminal justice facilities where alternative sentencing and

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Workers  
Compensation Plan](#)

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Discount Program](#)

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Benefits](#)

## Get Involved with BCA!

As a volunteer-driven organization, BCA is continually seeking and encouraging member involvement. With seven standing committees, maybe we have a spot for you! [Click here](#) for more information on volunteer opportunities with BCA.

## 2016 BCA Board of Directors

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rehabilitation programs are offered.

"The Mayors' and Commissioners' Caucus represents 11 counties in Northeast Indiana and the endorsement of these priorities demonstrates the region is strong and determined to accelerate progress. From infrastructure improvements to quality of life, our 2017 legislative agenda will help expand our economic climate and allow us to compete for new business and attract talent," said Tom Wall, Huntington County Commissioner and 2016 co-chair the Mayors' and Commissioners' Caucus.

The Caucus, which includes elected officials from each of the 11 counties in Northeast Indiana, meets regularly to address economic development issues, legislative advocacy and other matters of common concern within the region. Key focuses include supporting area entrepreneurs, improving the region's interstate accessibility and streamlining permitting and zoning processes.

In addition to the Caucus publishing its policy priorities, the Caucus and the the [Local Economic Development Organization's \(LEDO\) Council](#) also endorsed the [Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana's](#) 2017 Legislative Agenda.

"Advancement of our recommended legislative agenda is critical to the success of Northeast Indiana. We must meet the needs of regional employers. By prioritizing regional policies, we can support existing business while also attracting new business and talent to Northeast Indiana," said Ken McCrory, director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership and Chair of the LEDO Council.

To learn more about the Mayors' and Commissioners' Caucus, visit the Regional Partnership's new website at [www.neindiana.com/theCaucus](http://www.neindiana.com/theCaucus). To learn more about the LEDO Council, visit the website at [www.neindiana.com/LEDO](http://www.neindiana.com/LEDO).



Please visit [www.ConstructionWorldExpo.org](http://www.ConstructionWorldExpo.org) for more information including the official brochure, current floor plan, and a Sponsorship & Vendor Contract

The seminar schedule is currently being finalized. *Do you have a unique subject - topic - new product or technology that the construction industry needs to learn about?* If so, E-mail more information to [Dave Marquart](mailto:dave.marquart@coliseumproductions.com) at Coliseum Productions.

## Indiana in Top 10 For Business Climate

A national economic development industry publication is giving Indiana high marks in its annual State Business Climate Rankings. The Hoosier state placed 10th this

Mosaic Building Solutions

[Brian Gerig](#)  
Erie Haven, Inc.

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Tile Interiors, Inc.

[Tad Marsh](#)  
Zumbrun Construction

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year on the list from *Site Selection* magazine. Indiana and Ohio are the only non-southern states in the top 10.

On the executive survey portion of the rankings, which accounts for half the overall ranking, Indiana was tied with Virginia for 6th. The other half is based on a mix of ratings from seven factors, including

- performance in Site Selection's annual Prosperity Cup ranking
- total project locations and expansions compliant with the Conway Projects Database in 2015
- total projects per capita in 2015
- total year-to-date projects
- total year-to-date projects per capita
- state tax burdens on mature firms according to a Tax Foundation and KPMG Location Matters analysis
- state tax burdens on new firms according to a Tax Foundation and KPMG Location Matters analysis

Georgia placed number one, followed by North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas. You can connect to the full ranking by [here](#). | Source: Site Selection Magazine

## BCA Gibson Safety Excellence Awards

New for 2017 for BCA Contractor Members! BCA is pleased to announce a partnership with Gibson to assist in our presenting the **2017 BCA Gibson Safety Excellence Awards** program. The overall marketing of the awards program has been significantly enhanced thanks to their support. Winning contractors will receive expanded marketing exposure from their participation. Please see the enhanced listing of benefits in the opening section of the 2017 Guidelines & Application which can be downloaded at the following link:



[2017 BCA Gibson Safety Excellence Awards Program - Guidelines & Application](#)

The simplified application will take only about an hour to complete - no special marketing skills are needed. Subject to winter shutdown? Apply now to get your field verification done before winter frost sets in!

## Office Depot and BCA Partner to Help Members Save on Office Supplies



BCA is pleased to offer members a group purchasing program, the Office Depot BCA Member Advantage Program. Take advantage of purchasing power available when you pool your office supply needs with other members. Participants can receive up to 80% off regular retail prices on core items most commonly used by businesses. Enrollment is free - never any fees or minimum purchase requirements! For more information, contact Christopher Michaels of Office Depot at 260 242-3171 or complete and return the enrollment form.

[Office Depot BCA Member Advantage Program Enrollment Form](#)

## Help Build Strength in Membership

Membership retention and growth are vital elements in the pursuit of furthering BCA's objectives to provide opportunities for members to be more effective

participants in the commercial construction industry in northeast Indiana. Currently the association's membership base encompasses over 260 companies representing the whole commercial construction process - including general and specialty contractors, architects and engineers, and materials and professional service providers.

Please take the time to review our [membership listing](#). This is an excellent resource for quality contractors and suppliers of materials and professional services. Also, we strongly encourage your patronage of members!

As you look over the membership roster, *who is missing that you do business with?* [E-mail](#) or call the BCA office contact information, then the Membership Committee will follow up and mail your prospect a packet of information outlining the benefits of membership noting you as a referral. An [electronic membership packet](#) is also available for your use.

*Let's work to build strength in membership!* **Building Better Together.**

### Fort Wayne - Allen County - New Haven - Leo Commercial Building Permit Activity

	Current Nov. 2016	Year Ago Nov. 2015	% Change
Building Permits	93	122	- 31.2%
Total Value	\$14,241,919	\$42,645,891	- 199.4%
Average Job Value	\$153,139	\$349,556	- 128.3%