



Member Memo

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Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana*

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Association Leaders Announced for 2017

The Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana (BCA) recently announced the results of its election of officers to serve on its 2017 Board of Directors:

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Ron Roberts
Schmidt Electric



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Brad Smith
Hagerman



2nd Vice-President
Greg Lynch
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Comprised of 17 member firms, other individuals serving on the association's Board of Directors for 2017 are: Past President **Mark Veerkamp** of Shambaugh & Son, **John Brogan** of BZW Master Painters, **Brandon Bushee** of Brooks Construction, **Brian Gerig** of Erie Haven, **Devon Kirk** of Robert E. Crosby, **David Michael** of Michael Kinder & Sons, **Phil Miller** of C.M.S. Roofing, **Eric Olson** of T-E Incorporated, **Eric Pedersen** of Fetters Construction, **Mike Schenkel** of Schenkel Construction, **Gary Voirol** of MSKTD & Associates, **Mark Warsco** of Rothberg Logan & Warsco, and **Larry Weigand** of Weigand Construction.



UPCOMING BCA EVENTS

First Aid and CPR

Two Offerings!

Thurs., Feb. 9 or

Thurs., Feb. 16

8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BCA Office

BCA Centennial Bash

...at the Construction

World Expo

Wed., Feb. 22



5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
At the Construction
World Expo
Memorial Coliseum
Room E

[OSHA 30-Hour
Construction Safety
Training Course](#)

Feb. 28, Mar. 2, 7 & 9
BCA Office

- Lunch & Learn -
**Business Continuation
Planning**
Wed., March 1
BCA Office

**Construction Career
Academy**
Tues., Mar. 7 and
Thurs., Mar. 9
Ivy Tech

OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS



*Produced by Coliseum
Productions*
February 22-23, 2017

Welcome, New Members!

[Prime Consulting
Personnel, LLC](#)

*Staffing and Direct Hire
Recruiting*
Sherrie Lairson
(260) 387-5857
*Referred by Brad
Johnson of Mill Supplies*

Scholarships Available to Employees and Families of BCA Member Firms

Two \$1500 scholarships are being made available to BCA members' employees and their families. The BCA Presidential Merit Scholarship award was created in 2008 to recognize significant accomplishments and reward worthy students in furthering their education in a post-secondary, construction-related education program. **The application deadline is March 30, 2017.** More information is available by opening the link below:

[Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

You are encouraged to share this notification with your office staff and field employees. Help BCA find good quality applicants to be considered for these scholarships!



Northeast Indiana RDA Recommends Funding for Three Projects

The Board of the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) met earlier in the month to consider requests for Regional Cities Initiative funding for projects submitted by the Buffalo Street Redevelopment Project in Kosciusko County, Posterity Scholar House in Allen County and the Michiana Event Center in LaGrange County.

The Board voted to support three projects including:

1. Buffalo Street Redevelopment Project in Kosciusko County, which requested \$3.5 million, representing 20 percent of the \$17.6 million of the project's total cost;
2. Posterity Scholar House in Allen County, which requested a \$2,484,180 grant, representing 20 percent of the \$12.4 million of the project's total cost; and
3. Michiana Event Center in LaGrange County, which requested a \$3,843,371 grant, representing 20 percent of the \$19,216,855 million of the project's total cost.

"The three projects recommended for funding truly illustrate the diversity and regionalism of our Road to One Million plan. These projects are improving quality of life in three different counties in our region, and each project is critical as we grow Northeast Indiana's economy, brand and talent pool," said RDA board member Jeff Turner, senior vice president of Metal Technologies.

The Board's recommendation now goes to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) for review and final approval to receive funding.

[Read more >](#) | Source: Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

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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.

2017 BCA Board of Directors

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BCA Construction Career Academy Scheduled March 7 & 9 at Ivy Tech

BCA will be hosting 50 of the top building trades students from several northeast Indiana-based high schools at Ivy Tech Community College for the 2017 Construction Career Academy (CCA) March 7 and 9. Students will visit with 12 different contractors over two days who will speak to them about the industry in general, their specific trades, personal career paths and perspectives on what it takes to be successful in this industry. BCA expresses sincere appreciation to the following members who have committed to participate:



General Contractor
Hagerman
Tom Werling

Excavator
Star Excavating
John Hoffman

Plumbing
Shambaugh & Son, L.P.
Jerod Snover

Carpentry
Weigand Construction
Jade Painter

Flooring
Jack Laurie Group
Dave Foellinger

Roofing
C.M.S. Roofing
Josh Miller

Concrete
Brooks Construction
Ryan Shotts

HVAC
Wagner-Meinert, Inc.
John Gentry

Sheet Metal
Dirig Sheet Metal
Shelly Crabill

Electrical
L-A Electric
Scott Arnold and Keith Knipstein

Masonry
Feters Construction
Denise DeMuyt and Terry Dickey

Steel Construction
LeMaster Steel Erectors
James Heinen and Dan Gustafson

Want to learn more about the program? You are welcome to stop by the Busse Technology Center (Ivy Tech North Campus) either day between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to see this top-notch program firsthand.

These young people are the future of the construction industry, and the BCA CCA has a proven track record of bridging the gap for them from their high school graduations to your construction jobsites.

Gateway Coalition and FWCS Planning MadeByMe Internship/Job Fair March 17

Approximately 100 Fort Wayne Community School junior and senior high school students who have been identified by counselors and are ready for work and career opportunities in manufacturing and skilled trades will attend the MadeByMe Internship/Job Fair in March. Students invited will

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MSKTD & Associates

Mark Warsco
Rothberg Logan &
Warsco LLP

Larry Weigand
Weigand
Construction

**Welcome,
New
Committee
Members!**

Economic
Development:

JOHN HOFFMAN
Star Excavating

Government Affairs:

PARRY LEAVELL
STAR Financial Bank

possess the following attributes:

- Demonstrated interest in manufacturing or the skilled trades
- Have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average
- Have a good high school attendance record
- No previous behavioral/discipline issues demonstrated



When: Friday, March 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Family and Community Engagement Center, 230 East Douglas Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Goal: To expose students to potential internship opportunities, jobs, and career pathways with local manufacturers and skilled-trades businesses

Companies are invited to have a table at this event hosted by the Gateway Coalition and Fort Wayne Community Schools - only 22 left! If you are interested in participating, please contact Cathy Waggoner by [email](#) or phone (260) 422-4241, ext. 143, to learn more.

BCA Gibson Safety Excellence Awards

The deadline to nominate your company for a 2017 BCA Gibson Safety Excellence Awards is coming soon - Friday, February 3. BCA's new *Safety 1st* partnership with **Gibson Insurance** is allowing the BCA Safety Committee to significantly enhance the benefits for this year's winners, including expanded marketing exposure from their participation.

Key details to note about the program include:

- Applications should not take more than 60 minutes to complete based on feedback from past applicants.
- No special marketing skills needed - applications are generic when given to the the Judging Panel.
- You will be competing against companies similar to your size and scope for a level playing field.
- *Not your best year on the safety front?* You may still qualify for a Safety Recognition Award to acknowledge your good efforts. Stuff happens despite our best attempts.
- Recognize your top field employees by nominating them for a Supervisor Safety Award.
- Get valuable feedback on your safety program through a jobsite visit by one of our knowledgeable safety consultants.



Take advantage of this opportunity to reward your company, reward your supervisors, and minimize future insurance premium increases. Help BCA and Gibson keep "Safety 1st" and forefront in our Association and our community.

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

**Special Thanks to the Young
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...Featuring a Program on Economic Development by

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TAD MARSH
Zumbrun
Construction

NICK SHAH
Impex International

Safety:

SHAWN READER
Hagerman

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Quick Links...

[BCA Website](#)

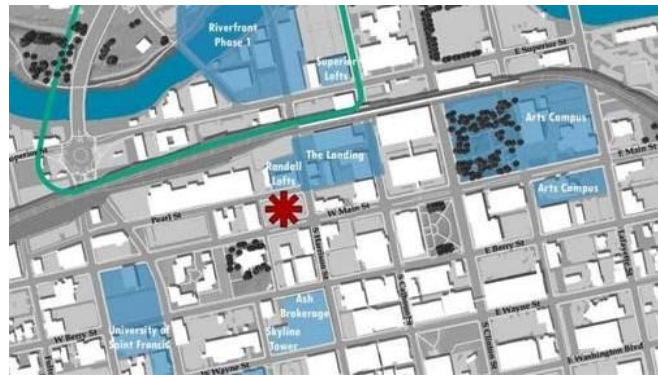


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Proposals Sought for Downtown Parking Lot

The Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission wants to convert an "underutilized" parking lot at the corner of Harrison and Main streets into a multi-story, mixed-use development that would complement other proposed and existing downtown projects. The commission issued a Request for Proposals for the three-quarter-acre site just south of Randall Lofts and the Aunt Millie's Bakeries plant on Pearl Street. Desired, according to the document, is "an integrated mixed-use development with retail at street level along both Main and Harrison streets" and retail, commercial, hospitality, office and/or residential space on upper floors.

The city envisions that retail uses could include shopping venues, a grocery, restaurant and bar or pub. The document points out the location is within the Downtown Dining District, which provides access to low-cost liquor licenses. The developer will be responsible for providing parking sufficient for the proposed uses, as well as 94 replacement spaces for the current parking lot.



The commission will accept proposals through February 10. You can view the Request for Proposals document [here](#).

New Member Spotlight...

CNA Surety

www.cnasurety.com/cna/guest/cnasurety/

Surety Bonding

Chris Westendorf, Underwriting Manager
Amy Zakutansky, Underwriting Director
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Indianapolis, IN 46037
(317) 575-5470



CNA Surety provides a full range of surety and fidelity bonds in all 50 states, Canada, and Puerto Rico. CNA Surety is the largest surety company in Indiana.

Thank You for Your Membership Renewals...

Membership Investments Received November 2016 - January 20, 2017

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 A-1 Door Specialties, Inc.
 Accident Fund Insurance Co. of America
 All-Phase Electric Supply
 Almet, Inc.
 BZW Master Painters Inc.
 Baden Gage & Schroeder, LLC
 Bailey Trucking, Inc.
 Barnes & Thornburg
 Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects & Engineers
 Beers Mallers Backs & Salin, LLP
 Big C Lumber
 Bob Thomas Ford Lincoln Commercial Div.
 Bona Vita Architecture, Inc.
 Bott Mechanical, Inc.
 Brandeis Machinery & Supply Co.
 Bridge Manufacturing & Equipment Co., Inc.
 Brindle Products, Inc.
 Briner Building, Inc.
 C.M.S. Roofing, Inc.
 C&T Design
 W. J. Carey Construction Corporation
 Carter Lumber
 Central Indiana Hardware Co.
 Central Rent-A-Crane
 Central Supply Company
 City Glass Specialty Inc.
 CNA Surety
 Crosby Excavating, Inc.
 Crowe Horwath LLP
 Cummins Sales & Service
 Cyclone Social
 Dahm Brothers, Inc.
 Dancer Concrete Design
 The DeHayes Group
 DeMuyt Masonry, Inc.
 Design Collaborative
 Dirig Sheet Metal
 Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc.
 Eastern Engineering
 Elevatus Architecture
 Engineering Resources, Inc.
 Enterprise Fleet Management
 Environmental Management Specialists, Inc.
 Erie Haven, Inc.
 EVAPAR
 Faegre Baker Daniels LLP
 Felderman Design-Build
 Feters Construction Inc.
 Fidelity National Title
 Fire Barriers, LLC
 First Federal Bank Of The Midwest
 Fleming Excavating, Inc.
 Fluid Dynamics, Inc.
 Fort Wayne Door, Inc.
 Fox Contractors Corp.
 G & K Heating Cooling Plus
 GME Testing
 G & L Corporation
 Garcia Concrete Construction, Inc.
 Gibson Insurance Agency Inc.
 Steve Gleason Plumbing Contractors, Inc.
 Glenbrook Automotive Group
 Goeglein's Catering
 Graber & Graber Contractors, Inc.
 Grabill Painting & Drywall, Inc.
 Graybar Electric
 H & H Sales Company, Inc.
 Hahn Systems
 Haller & Colvin, P.C.
 Kirby Risk Electrical Supply
 Kissinger Electric Inc.
 L-A Electric
 Lake City Bank
 Lassus Bros. Oil, Inc.
 Lawnscape Land Management, Inc.
 LeMaster Steel Erectors, Inc.
 Leo Builders Supply, Inc.
 MSKTD & Associates, Inc.
 M & S Steel Corporation
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 Mannia & Company, LLC
 Marketshare Plus
 MartinRiley Architects/Engineers
 Masolite, LLC
 Master Consultants LP
 Materials Inspection & Testing
 R.L. McCoy, Inc.
 McIntosh Energy Co., Inc.
 Michiana Business Publications Inc.
 Minnick Services
 MKM Architecture + Design
 Moake Park Group, Inc.
 Mosaic Building Solutions, LLC
 Needham DBS
 NIPSCO
 Nob Brick & Fireplaces
 North Coast Commercial Roofing Systems
 Northeastern REMC
 Northwestern Mutual
 O'Daniel Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
 Old National Bank
 Old Prairie Products, Inc.
 Old Fort Supply Company
 One Eleven Design
 O'Neal Excavating & Construction Inc.
 ONI Risk Partners
 Overhead Door Co. of Ft. Wayne, Inc.
 PNC Bank
 Patriot Engineering & Environmental, Inc.
 Pella Windows And Doors
 Pranger Enterprises, Inc.
 Precision Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
 Preferred Inc. - Fort Wayne
 Primary Engineering, Inc.
 Project Design & Piping, Inc.
 Reese Central Wholesale
 Rosema Construction, Inc.
 Rudd Equipment Company
 SPS Corporation
 Schenkel Construction, Inc.
 C.L. Schust Company
 Service Electric of Allen County, Inc.
 Shambaugh & Son, L.P.
 Sierra Construction, LLC
 Smith Erectors, Inc.
 SourceOne Insurance
 Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc.
 Speedway - Concrete, Aggregate & Sup.
 Sperry Van Ness Parke Group
 Spirit Wear LLC
 Spohn Associates, Inc.
 Star Excavating
 Steel Dynamics Structural & Rail Division
 ISU Stewart, Brimner, Peters & Company
 Stone-Street Quarries, Inc.
 Stoops Freightliner

Hamilton Hunter Builders, Inc.
Hanna Bros. Drywall & Painting, Inc.
Hanning & Bean Enterprises
Hanson Aggregates
Dave Harlow Enterprises, Inc.
A. Hattersley & Sons, Inc.
Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equipment, Inc.
I 69 Trailer Center
Impex International Inc.
Innovative Engineering Services, Inc.
Interior Products Supply
Irving Gravel Co., Inc.
Jack Laurie Group
James S. Jackson Co., LLC
Keefer Printing Co., Inc.
Kelley Chevrolet
Kelmar Corporation
Keystone Concrete, Inc.
Michael Kinder & Sons, Inc.

Strebig Construction Inc.
Structural Engineering Services, LLC
Summit Painting Company Inc.
Sunrise Energy Systems, Inc.
Superior Enterprises, Inc.
Superior Manufacturing Corporation
TAG Computing
T-E INCORPORATED
Three Rivers Federal Credit Union
Tradesmen International, Inc.
(TFE) Transmission & Fluid Equipment Inc.
VFP Fire Systems
Vintage Archonics
Viridian Architectural Design, Inc.
Votaw Electric Inc.
Wayne Pipe & Supply
Wayne Fasteners, Inc.
Weigand Construction Co., Inc.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Whetstone Electric, Inc.
The Zacher Company

New I-9 Form Required

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

Employers are now required (as of January 22, 2017) to use the revised form to verify the identity and employment authorization eligibility of their employees.



For more information, including the revised I-9, visit the website of the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](http://www.uscis.gov).

The advertisement is a collage of construction-related images. At the top left, there's a laptop with a pencil and a roll of paper. The main text is centered and reads: 'RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!' in red, followed by 'ConstructionWorldExpo.org' in black. Below that, it says 'MIDWEST'S LARGEST CONSTRUCTION WORLDEXPO' in large, bold letters, with 'CONSTRUCTION' in black and 'WORLDEXPO' in blue. Underneath, it says 'COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL' in white on a black background, and 'FEB 22-23 2017' in red. At the bottom, it lists the location: 'Allen County Memorial Coliseum Expo & Conference Centers Fort Wayne, IN'. The background includes images of construction equipment, a busy expo floor, and a smiling construction worker in a yellow hard hat and plaid shirt.

Please visit www.ConstructionWorldExpo.org for more information including the official brochure, current floor plan, and a Sponsorship & Vendor Contract.

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 Dec. 2016	Year Ago Dec. 2015	% Change
Building Permits	89	99	- 11.2%
Total Value	\$22,346,588	\$25,473,339	- 14.0%
Average Job Value	\$251,085	\$257,306	- 2.5%