

# Construction Resources for Commercial, Industrial and Residential Construction

The West Michigan Construction Alliance includes construction contractor and labor resources for the following crafts. A detailed list of contractors can be found on our website at:

[www.wmconstructionalliance.org/members\\_con.php](http://www.wmconstructionalliance.org/members_con.php)

## General Contractors

Full-service contractors specializing in commercial, industrial and institutional projects

## Boilermaker Employing Contractors

Boiler contractors for schools, hospitals and power plants; and blast furnaces for heavy industry

## Bricklaying Contractors

Brick, tile, terrazzo, marble, concrete and cement as well as cleaning, pointing, refractory and restoration contractors

## Carpentry Contractors

General trade, acoustical and floor covering as well as a variety of specialty trade contractors

## Cement Mason and Plastering Contractors

Contractors who employ finish concrete cement masons and plasterers

## Construction Equipment Contractors

Heavy equipment contractors for cranes, dozers, scrapers, loaders, graders, backhoes and pavers

## Construction Labor Contractors

Contractors who prepare/clean sites for buildings, highways, demolition & hazardous waste removal

## Electrical Contractors

Residential, commercial and industrial electrical and communication contractors

## Elevator Constructor Contractors

Elevator contractors who install, repair, and maintain elevators, escalators, and handicap lifts

## Fire Protection Contractors

Contractors who employ sprinklerfitters, who install fire protection systems of all kinds

## Glass and Glazier Contractors

Contractors who work mainly with glass

## Industrial Mechanic Contractors (Millwrights)

Industrial mechanic contractors who install, test, remove, repair and service a wide variety of industrial machinery and equipment

## Insulation and Asbestos Contractors

Thermal insulation, prefabrication, energy conservation and thermal efficiency contractors

## Mechanical Contractors

Plumbing, pipefitting, steamfitting and mechanical service trade contractors

## Painting Contractors

Contractors who employ painters, paperhangers and drywall finishers

## Roofing Contractors

Roofing/waterproofing contractors for hot built-up or single-ply roofs; also shingle, tile, & slate

## Sheet Metal Contractors

Contractors for the heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and refrigeration industry

## Structural Steel and Reinforcing Contractors (Ironworkers)

Erection of structural steel, reinforcing rod in concrete and welding fabrication contractors



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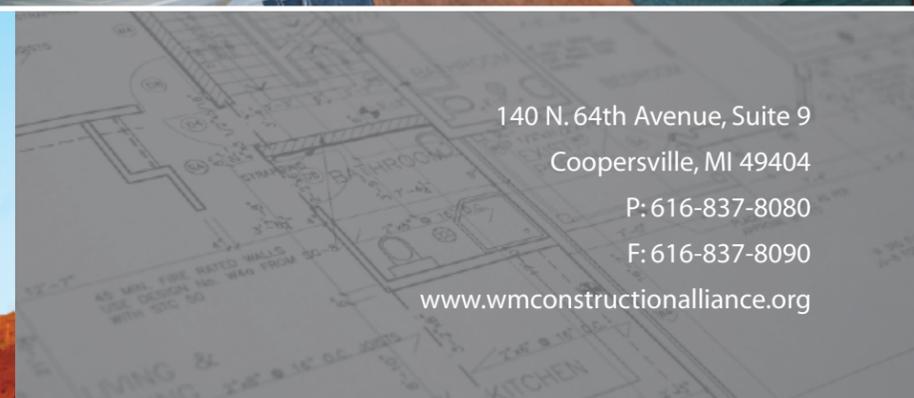
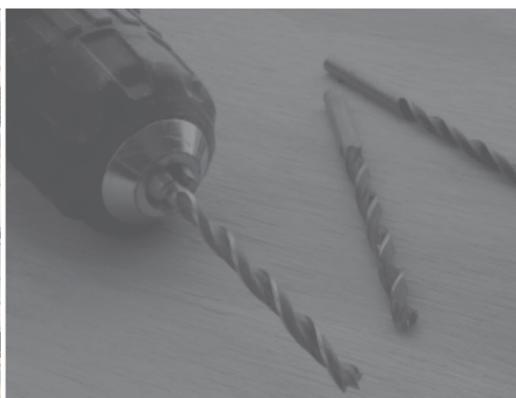
# CONSTRUCTION

Alliance

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## THE ADVANTAGES

The West Michigan Construction Alliance (WMCA) provides numerous advantages to our customers through:

- Safe, well-financed contractors utilizing skilled tradespersons to complete projects on time and on budget.
- A commitment to quality and a harmonious working relationship between contractors, their labor sources and our customers.
- The highest standards of workmanship maintained through leadership, experience and teamwork.
- The expertise and efficiency of construction professionals and experienced construction workers with reputations for quality.
- Superior productivity and the most stringent safety standards in the industry.
- A stable and motivated workforce dedicated to providing quality construction.
- Apprenticeship programs approved by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training that provide the highest caliber instruction to ensure the best tradespersons are utilized on construction projects.
- Our support of locally owned businesses and the employment of local labor.
- Our participation and support of local community activities and events.

## OUR STORY

The WMCA is a private non-profit corporation. We are a labor-management partnership composed of contractor organizations, signatory contractors, organized labor and affiliate members.

The primary purpose of the Alliance is to promote and market the advantages of the organized construction industry in order to provide the highest quality, most cost effective and safest delivery of our products and services to our customers/owners. To achieve this purpose, the WMCA, its constituent members and workers are committed to:

1. Achieving a better understanding of the needs of our customers and enhancing the quality of our services through continuous improvements.
2. Establishing and providing a forum for all segments of Michigan's organized construction community to facilitate more cooperative, productive and safe work environments for the benefit of all construction alliance members, workers and customers.
3. Publicizing and promoting the many services and benefits that the Michigan organized construction industry provides to both its customers and communities.

## MORE THAN BRICKS AND MORTAR

The men and women of the WMCA live in our communities, their children attend local schools, and their families use local health care facilities and shop in our stores. WMCA members donate over \$2 million annually in time, talent and resources and the wages, health insurance and retirement benefits they receive help keep our local economy strong.

WMCA members bring pride, professionalism and a strong work ethic to every project. The WMCA is committed to a program of quality craftsmanship and professional contracting.

## OUR GOALS

- Serve as a link between the construction industry and the many users of construction services.
- Function as a clearinghouse for member employees, contractors and users of construction resources.
- Work closely with economic development agencies and interest groups to enhance Michigan's growth and prosperity.
- Facilitate open and continuous communications between signatory contractors and local construction labor.
- Represent the membership in supporting community and local civic programs and activities.
- Create awareness in communities of the need for apprenticeship programs to ensure properly trained and skilled employees enter this challenging field.
- Provide specialized education and training seminars on construction industry topics.

## PRE-QUALIFY YOUR CONTRACTOR

The bank pre-qualified you, are you going to pre-quality your contractor?

WMCA members have the skills to satisfy the most demanding customers and a commitment to productivity that helps you meet your deadlines. Our members get the job done right, on time and within budget. Don't let cheap, unskilled labor or contractors with questionable reputations be a costly mistake for you and your organization.

Members of the West Michigan Construction Alliance are dedicated to ethical conduct and customer-first values. Our contractors provide the highest quality, most cost effective and safest delivery of our products and services to our customers by providing:

- Competitive Pricing
- On-time/On Budget Project Completion
- Access to Over 5,000 Highly Trained Craftspeople
- Safe Job Sites & Extensive Safety Training
- Cooperation Between the Trades
- Experienced Supervision for Each Craft
- High Level of Employer-Employee Cooperation & Coordination

## DONE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

Budgets are tight and you can't afford the costs of problematic contractors or unskilled labor. Make sure you have the most reputable contractors and best-trained workers on your job so your construction project is done right the first time.

Training for our craftspeople begins with apprenticeship programs that combine classroom and on-the-job training. Apprenticeship programs span 4-6 years and 85% of the organized construction trades require an admissions test. Plus, customized training for specific industries and processes keep our trades people up to speed on new developments and procedures in their craft.

Across all crafts, WMCA members spend over half a million dollars annually on training plus additional funding for:

- Confined Space training
- Mandatory & Voluntary Drug Testing
- Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training Recognized Apprenticeship Programs
- Ongoing Journeymen Upgrading
- Mandatory CPR and First Aid Instruction
- Welding Certifications
- HAZMAT (sub part R training)

## CONSTRUCTION WORK IS NEVER EASY

From large, complex building projects to delicate fiber-optic installations and detailed cabinetry work, WMCA signatory contractors make sure they have tradesmen and women with the proper skills and knowledge on the job.

The majority of construction problems are traced back to unskilled workers and inexperienced contractors who on the surface say they will save you money. Expectations for construction quality are growing. Don't be sold on those in the construction industry who state they can get you more by you paying less. This scenario likely will lead to a failed construction project. Contractors who are truly honest won't tell you what you want to hear and won't make promises they can't or won't keep. They will concentrate on the complexity of the construction process and make sure you understand. In some cases, they will not be the cheapest bid.

**There is a better way – build it right the first time with WMCA contractors who are committed to performing quality work, safely, cost effective, on schedule and in a professional manner. For your next construction project big or small seek out a WMCA contractor who use highly trained local tradespersons.**