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Skilled Laborers and trades on a deck pour at the Hwy 53 Bridge project in Virginia, MN.

► Better Commutes Ahead: LIUNA and Union Contractors Build Two New Massive Bridges in Minnesota

It has been a while since the state of Minnesota has seen two all new marquee bridge structures opening in the same year. Thanks to the value of Union construction, two bridges opened in the last 45 days, one on the iron range and the other in the St. Croix River Valley of eastern Minnesota. The two Union built structures are both construction and engineering marvels.

Taconite Industry Forges New Bridge in Virginia

To pave the way for the new 3.1 mile Highway 53 Relocation project in Virginia, MN, United Taconite a subsidiary of Cliff's Natural Resources notified the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) back in 2010 of their need to access large quantities of iron ore deposits to maintain the economic vitality of the region and State of Minnesota. It was a decades old agreement for MnDOT to relocate the road to a permanent location. This meant shifting the Highway 53 connection area over and created the all new Highway 53 bridge – a steel girder bridge with just two concrete piers

Highway 53 Relocation Project by the Numbers

2015/Nov	Construction Start
27	Local Sub Contractors
1,100	Bridge Span (feet)
1.5 M	Excavation Cu. Yards
47	Acres of Clearing
100	Year Design Life

covering a span of 1,100 feet uniting the cities of Virginia with Eveleth and the quad cities. The \$156 million bridge spans across the Rouchleau Pit, an area that was once mined in the 70's and is the tallest bridge structure in Minnesota at more than 200 feet high.

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Welcome New Contractors!

Blue State Steel Inc
Celestial Services Inc
Fortis Specialty Contracting LLC
Harp Construction & Roofing Inc
J H Findorff & Son Inc
John Foley Masonry
John Mcdougall Company Inc
Knock It Out Cleaning Service LLC
Pride Construction & Excavating Inc
Restoration & Construction Services LLC



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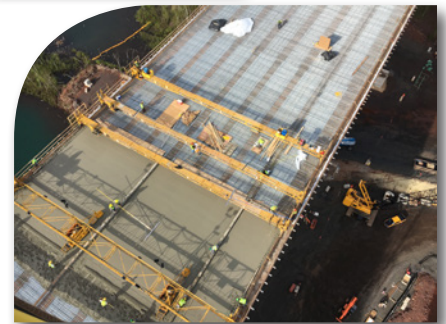
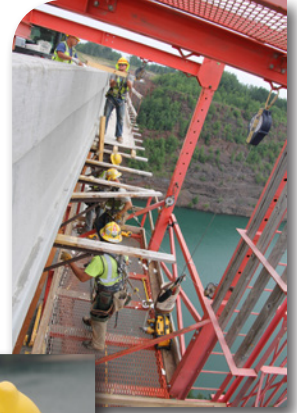
The Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) fund was created in 1992 as a non-profit joint Labor/Management cooperation effort affiliated with the Minnesota Laborers Union. LECET aims to promote the many benefits of Union construction while addressing a number of initiatives that are of mutual benefit to both signatory Union Contractors and LIUNA members.

Better Commutes Ahead...continued

Contractor Signs PLA to Work with Local Contractors and Skilled Trades

Omaha, Nebraska-based Kiewit Infrastructure Company was awarded the project as a Construction Manager General Contractor and signed a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), a local workforce agreement with the Iron Range Building Trades that sets basic project and workforce conditions. The workforce agreement enabled a vast number of local Minnesota based contractors and workers to do the work. Hundreds of local Union craftsmen and women went to work on this two-year project, helping the bridge being built on time with an extraordinary

safety record, per sources at Kiewit. "We appreciate the skilled labor that the organizations were able to provide," said Logan McInvale, Kiewit Infrastructure Co. "It has been a very positive experience with the men and women that have had a chance to work on this project."



Laborers Local 1097 Turns 70

Construction & General Laborers Union Local 1097, based in Virginia, MN on the iron range turned 70 years old this past spring. The Local boasts a membership of just under 900 skilled LIUNA members working for over 50 Signatory Union contractors in the iron range region and in Northwestern Minnesota.

"Since 1947 Laborers Local 1097 has been a proud builder of the iron range," said Tim McCauley, Business Manager. "The skilled members in this union build transportation, energy, education, mining and so much more. We are honored to be an important part of the communities in which we live, work and serve."



Safety Driven

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Safety Driven Quarterly Award Winners - 2nd Quarter 2017

LABORER	CONTRACTOR	LABORER	CONTRACTOR
Miguel Zuniga	Alvin E Benike Inc	Greg Villeneuve	Lakehead Constructors Inc
Charles Johnston	C & L Excavating Inc	Karl Jacobs	Maverick Cutting & Breaking
Timothy Vanryn	Corval Group	Chris Olson	McGough Construction
Bruce Rivard	Custom Drywall Inc	Jordan Ahner	Michels Pipeline Construction
John Schleper	Donlar Construction Company	Eli Belisle	Minnesota Utilities & Excavating
Titus Peterson	Frerichs Construction Co	Stephen Curphy	Northland Constructors
Bradley Quistorff	Johnson-Nelson Masonry	Gabriel Dominguez	Ryan Companies US Inc
Kim Panek	Jorgenson Construction Inc	Daniel Welsh	S R Weidema Inc
Rick Mach	Kellington Construction Inc	Katrina Thompson	Standard Contracting
Nick Loidolt	Kiffmeyer Inc		
Richard Benjamin	Kraus Anderson		

LECET Recognizes 2016 'Safety Driven' Contractor Awards

Minnesota Laborers – Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) recognized 45 signatory union contractors at their Annual Contractor Appreciation Open House, held this past March at the Construction Laborers Training Center in Lino Lakes.

The contractors are all participants in the LECET Safety Driven program and have met the program requirements to be considered for the award. Award winning contractors must meet a minimum-point criteria based on their previous safety performance records, best practices, new initiatives and more. “We all should know that these contractors are true leaders in safety and are making our industry much safer as time goes on. They are innovative and they really embrace why safety is so critical to the future of our industry, to the job seekers and next generation workers.” said Mark Ryan, President of Carl Bolander & Sons Inc. and LECET Chairman.

Contractors awarded the 2016 Safety Driven Award of Excellence:

Adolfson & Peterson Construction (Minneapolis), **Advanced Concrete Sawing** (St. Paul), **Alvin E. Benike** (Rochester), **Bituminous Roadways, Inc.** (Mendota Heights), **Boldt Company** (Cloquet), **Carl Bolander & Sons** (St. Paul), **Casper Construction** (Grand Rapids), **Chicago Bridge & Iron** (St. Paul), **Corval Group** (St.

Paul), **Custom Drywall** (St. Paul), **Donlar Construction Co.** (Waite Park), **Environmental Plant Services Inc** (St. Paul), **Four Star Construction** (Superior, WI), **Fraser Construction** (Rochester), **Frattalone Companies** (Little Canada), **Global Specialty Contractors** (Eagan), **Graham Construction Services** (Eagan), **Hammerlund Construction** (Grand Rapids), **Hardrives** (Rogers), **Interstate Improvement** (Faribault), **J.E. Dunn Construction** (Minneapolis), **J.R. Jensen Construction** (Superior, WI), **Kellington Construction** (Minneapolis), **Kiffmeyer** (Coon Rapids), **Knutson Construction** (Minneapolis), **Kraus-Anderson Construction** (Minneapolis), **Kuechle Underground** (Kimball), **Lakehead Constructors Inc** (Superior, WI), **Lloyd's Construction Services, Inc** (Savage), **Maverick Cutting & Breaking LLC** (Minneapolis), **Mavo Systems** (White Bear Lake), **McGough Construction** (St. Paul), **McNamara Contracting** (Rosemount), **Northland Constructors** (Duluth), **Opus Design Build LLC** (Minnetonka), **Park Construction** (Minneapolis), **PCL Construction Services** (Burnsville), **Rachel Contracting** (St. Michael), **Rice Lake Construction** (Deerwood), **RJM Construction** (Minneapolis), **Ryan Companies US, Inc.** (Minneapolis), **Standard Contracting** (Hampton), **Veit & Company, Inc.** (Rogers) and **Xcel Special Construction** (Minneapolis).

Annual Laborer Nominees

The following LIUNA members were nominated by their employers for the 2016 LECET Safety Driven Laborers Annual Award.

LABORER	CONTRACTOR
Carmen Krause*	Adolfson & Peterson Construction
Ryan Brant*	Advanced Concrete Sawing
John Pecinovsky*	Alvin E Benike
Matt Turner	Ames Construction
Dan Mullins	Belair Sitework Services
Dustin (Dusty) Nicka	Bituminous Roadways
Jeremy Schrul	Carl Bolander and Sons
Tyler Siegel	Casper Construction Inc
David Bauer	Chicago Bridge and Iron
Brian Zahn	Construction Results Corporation
Nicholas Slavicek	Corval Group
Justin Meyer	Custom Drywall
Darrin Lonning	Darold Berger Masonry Inc
Ryker Holm	Donald Holm Construction
Denis Mehr	Donlar Construction
Channing Brandt	EnviroBate
Terry Beltrand*	Environmental Plant Services
Carl Anderson	Four Star Construction
Andy Yust	Fraser Construction Co
Charles Jewett III	Frattalone Companies
Cory Aultman	George Bougalis and Sons Co
Peter Scheid	Global Specialty Contractors Inc
Chris Pierce	Graham Construction
Cory Curtis	Gresser Company
Scott Ramsdell Jr	Hammerlund Construction Inc
James Zellman	Hardrives Inc
Kevin Friehl	JE Dunn Construction
Robby Risbrudt	Johnson-Nelson Masonry Inc
Dennis Mattson	JR Jensen Construction Company
Kyle Otto	Kellington Construction Inc
Jay Beck	Kiffmeyer Inc
Jake Entwistle	Knutson Construction
Dan Schuno	Kraus-Anderson Construction
Chuck (Charles) Geislinger	Kuechle Underground Inc
Brian Welsh*	Lakehead Constructors Inc
Nick Smith	Lloyd's Construction Services Inc
Jason Wendel	Maverick Cutting & Breaking LLC
Luis Martinez	Mavo Systems
Eli Hejda	Max Gray Construction
Benjamin Ostertag	McGough Construction
Bryce Quinnell	McNamara Contracting Inc
Jonathan Stevens	MG McGrath Inc
Mark Felde	Minnesota Utilities & Excavating
Gabe Kimball	Minnowa Construction
Adan Damas	Mortenson Construction
Chad Bosch	MP Technologies
Erik Smith	Northland Concrete & Masonry
John Schneider	Northland Constructors
Scott Richart	Opus Design Build
Brian Watson	Park Construction
Sean McFarland	PCL Construction Services Inc
Bryan Skogsberg**	Rachel Contracting
Chris Lazarz	RJM Construction
Tim Swenson	Rochester Plumbing & Heating
Gustavo Bredee	Ryan Companies US Inc
John Golnick	Shannon's Inc
Jason Thompson	Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply
Richard Hillstrom	Standard Contracting Inc
Nate Newman	The Boldt Company
Jud Beise*	Ulland Brothers Inc
Ryan Jensen	Veit & Company
Dave Dunbar	Xcel Energy Special Construction

*Denotes an award finalist. All nominees receive a safety driven jacket fit to their size just by being nominated.

** Winner of the Polaris ATV & trailer by random draw amongst the finalists.

New St. Croix River Bridge: Union-built Structure Flows with River Valley

After 25 years, residents of the St. Croix region of Stillwater and Oak Park Heights finally got their new bridge. The iconic Lift Bridge – the closest river crossing point in Stillwater – had reached 80 years and long surpassed its intended lifespan. The Lift Bridge also experienced much heavier commutes than it was designed to handle. That and a few quirks here and there with mechanical issues to the bridge's lifting mechanisms and residents will gladly say that a new bridge couldn't have come any sooner.

Different than the 53 Bridge in Virginia, MN, a MnDOT project, the St. Croix Crossing needed federal approval to move it forward. Congress granted a much needed exemption from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and President Obama authorized construction in 2012.

Environmentally Pleasing Design

The single biggest factor in design and construction of the new St. Croix River Crossing was to meet environmental impact requirements relating to the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. As one example, the towers were designed at a height below the tree line. In order to do this, bridge engineering experts developed a combination hybrid design using elements of a concrete box girder (much like the I35W Bridge in Minneapolis) with a stay cable bridge keeping the towers to only 60 feet above the bridge pavements. This helped minimize the number of piers in the water to reduce the footprint in the area. "In the end, this structure will be a structure that the whole river valley and region can be immensely proud of," said John Chiglo, MnDOT Spokesperson. "People around the world will be attracted to come and see the work that's been done."

Local Contractors & Local Union Workers

The joint venture team of Lunda and Ames Construction – two Union contractors with strong ties in Minnesota – were awarded the contract. When including all the road and area improvements relating to the superstructure, the project had over 60 subcontractors and 400 workers. Over the course of 3-1/2 years, there were over 100 Skilled LIUNA members on the project at various times according to Chris Peltier, Business Agent for Construction & General Laborers Local 563.

"There is an extraordinary sense of pride among our members to be a part of this project that will link Minnesota and Wisconsin for generations to come," said Tim Mackey, President & Business Manager of the Laborers District Council of MN & ND. "A project of this magnitude doesn't get completed without skilled and safety-conscious workers. We want the public to know how hard our members worked and also how proud we are to have played a significant role in this quality project."





Building the Concrete Box Girders

Skilled Construction Craft Laborers played a big role in one of the most important parts of the St. Croix River Crossing Bridge, creating the concrete segments that make up the span of the structure. Laborers helped build nearly 1,100 cast segments at two casting yards. One casting yard was on-site and the other was located at Grey Cloud Island in Cottage Grove. The segments from the latter were transported on the river by barge to the jobsite. Skilled Laborers were involved in many other aspects as well from initial site work, footings, bridge decking, area road work and more.

Building Bridges: Building Communities

The completion of two Union Built project marvels – the new Highway 53 Bridge and St. Croix River Crossing – only come around once or twice in a skilled construction craft Laborer’s career. Hundreds of LIUNA members strapped on their safety gear everyday for upwards to four years working in all weather conditions to build these massive structures. When LIUNA members team up with Union Contractors, they build more than bridges, they build stronger communities.

St. Croix River Crossing by the Numbers

2014	Construction Start
400/67	Union Workers/contractors (estimated)
5,074	Bridge length (feet)
42	Concrete Pounds (million)
150	Feet above water (deck)
100	Year Design Life

▶ Announcing Our LIUNA 'Proud Member' Initiative

By Kris Fredson, Campaigns & Member Communications Director, LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota

It's an honor to join your LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota team at the Laborers District Council. I look forward to working on behalf of our LIUNA members and locals to strengthen member communications and campaigns in support of our organizing, legislative and political priorities.

We are hitting the ground running preparing for a critical year of member engagement leading up to a must-win election for Governor in November 2018. That is why we are kicking off a new 'Proud Member' campaign. There is a lot at stake for LIUNA members and their families next year. Whether it's protecting your job, wages, health care

and retirement security, or safe, skilled and quality construction opportunities, we need members to be engaged and take action. The best way to make a difference right now is for LIUNA members to visit our website or Facebook page and join our "Proud Member" campaign. Sign-up to receive important emails and other communications and to share your story why you're a proud LIUNA member. If you're on social media, like us and follow us.

We cannot do this alone at the Council or Laborers Locals. We need proud LIUNA members to **Feel the Power, Be the Power, and Use the Power!** Take action today!



TAKE ACTION TODAY!

Stay engaged. Activism works!
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Healthy Union. Strong Union.

Preventive health care is the key to feeling your best, so why not let it help you look your best too? When you complete three of the approved preventive tasks, you'll receive your choice of jacket, or a voucher good towards new Red Wing boots or shoes.*



FOR ACTIVE RETIREES

NEW for 2017: Retirees are now eligible to earn this jacket by completing 3 healthy member tasks!



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Incentives provided by MN Laborers Employers Cooperation Education Trust (LECET)
 *For active members and active retirees only. Must be eligible for MN Laborers Health and Welfare Coverage. Program runs 4/8/17 - 4/30/18. All E.O.B.'s and certificates of accomplishment must be submitted to the Fund and postmarked before 6/1/18.

Training Calendar

(651) 653-6710

Week of October 16, 2017

Asbestos Worker Initial	Oct 16-19
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Oct 16-20
Line & Grade	Oct 16-20
Mason Tending	Oct 16-20
Mason Tending	Oct 16-31
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program	Oct 19
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Oct 20
Mine Safety & Health Admin - Virginia, MN	Oct 21

Week of October 23, 2017

Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA)	Oct 23-24
Pipelaying 2	Oct 23-27
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Oct 23-27
Torch Cutting Demo Safety	Oct 23-24
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr	Oct 25-27
Excavation Confined Space	Oct 26
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher - Hudson, WI	Oct 27
CPR/First Aid	Oct 27
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Oct 27

Week of October 30, 2017

Asbestos Supervisor Initial	Oct 30-Nov 03
Blueprint Reading	Oct 30-Nov 03
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Oct 30-Nov 03
Pipeline Technology/Flagging	Oct 30-Nov 03
Safety Week/OSHA 30 /CPR First Aid	Oct 30-Nov 03
Supervisor Training & Education Program	Oct 30-Nov 03
Hazardous Waste Initial	Nov 01-16
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher - Hudson, WI	Nov 03

Week of November 06, 2017

Concrete Practices/Insulated Forms	Nov 06-10
Hazardous Waste Initial	Nov 06-10
Heavy Highway Skills/Flagging	Nov 06-10
Line & Grade	Nov 06-10
Plaster Tending	Nov 06-10
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Nov 06-10
Lead Supervisor Refresher	Nov 10

Week of November 13, 2017

BGeneral Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Nov 13-17
Lead Supervisor Initial	Nov 13-16
Mason Tending	Nov 13-17
Pipelaying 1	Nov 13-17
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Nov 13-17
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person	Nov 13-17
Welding/Torch Cutting Air Arc	Nov 13-Dec 19
Excavation Confined Space	Nov 16
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program	Nov 16
CPR/First Aid	Nov 17
Lead Worker Refresher	Nov 17

Week of November 20, 2017

Air Sampling	Nov 20-21
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Nov 20-21
Lead Renovator Initial	Nov 20-21
Lead Worker Initial	Nov 20-22
Mine Safety & Health Admin/CPRFA	Nov 20-22
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr	Nov 20-22
Torch Cutting Demo Safety	Nov 20-21

Week of November 20, 2017

Fall Protection	Nov 22
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Week of November 27, 2017

Asbestos Worker Initial	Nov 27-30
Blueprint Reading	Nov 27-Dec 01
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Nov 27-Dec 01
Line & Grade	Nov 27-Dec 01
Pipelaying 1	Nov 27-Dec 12
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Nov 27-Dec 01
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Dec 01
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Dec 01

Apprentice of the Month Awards

June

Jesse Jokimaki

July

Justin Dauenhauer

August

Jacob Safranski

Note: Students are reminded that all day classes begin at 7:00 AM at the LTC. Trainees must come to class dressed as if they were reporting to work at a construction site. This includes appropriate work boots, long pants, and shirt. Failure to do so can result in being asked to leave and to reschedule the class at a later date.



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6th Annual LIUNA Training Center

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 13, 2017 – 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Lunch Provided

The Minnesota Laborers Union invites you to our **6th annual LIUNA Training Center Open House**. The event is open to Union contractors, public officials, local and state government officials, elected officials, school board administration and staff, construction contract and procurement managers, construction industry representatives, human resources professionals and more.

10 AM - 10:40 AM

Labor & Schools Partnership: How the Laborers Union and Building Trades have partnered with schools to promote construction career opportunities and introduction to the trades.

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Apprenticeship Overview: The Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry will give an overview of the Minnesota state regulated Apprenticeship program.

11:20 - Noon

The Prevailing Wage Law importance: A history of the Prevailing Wage Law (Davis - Bacon) and its positive impact on Minnesota.

Noon

Welcome and short program

Facility Tours

Available during the event.

PLEASE RSVP
by calling the Laborers
Training Center at
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▶ Laborers Family Fun Raiser Nets \$25,567 for Charities

Nearly 1,000 Minnesota Laborers Union members and their families relished a perfect Minnesota weather day on Saturday, August 19 to enjoy a picnic, visit the Como Park Zoo and raise some serious dough for Laborers Union charities. Joining forces with Union Contractors, industry partners, labor organizations and others, the event brought in contributions to support both the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) charities and the Laborers Charitable Foundation. The RMH serves as a home away from home for families with severely ill children each year in the upper Midwest, while the nationally affiliated Laborers Charitable Foundation supports LIUNA families across North America.

Since the inception of this event back in 2003, the Minnesota Laborers have now raised over \$170,000 for charities from the original Laborers Ride for Charity which transitioned into the family-oriented Laborers Family Fun Raiser in 2014.

“Ronald McDonald Charities, Upper Midwest is so grateful to the Minnesota Laborers Union for all that they do,” said Marge Kajer, RMH, Upper Midwest. “Every year we are able to serve over 5,000 families because of your generous support. Thank you!”

