



In an Ever-Changing Industry, Burggrabe Masonry Shines

Burggrabe Masonry has been part of the masonry industry in the West Michigan area since 1981. Since that time, they have successfully completed numerous projects in and around the area. While currently maintaining a workforce of just under 100 employees, Burggrabe performs work on a wide range of masonry projects including educational, institutional, retail, industrial and health care buildings as well as masonry maintenance. Burggrabe takes pride in its close-knit bond with its employees and their ability to build strong relationships with customers.

As a member of the MIM for more than 25 years, Burggrabe Masonry has utilized the MIM's services on multiple projects. They find the technical knowledge available through their membership for any masonry-related design issue that may arise invaluable. More importantly, Burggrabe recognizes that the services provided at the preconstruction phase may mitigate any project design or engineering issues. "After many years of success," shared Scott Schepers, project supervisor/safety director/estimator at Burggrabe, "the MIM has the respect of the design and engineering community. The MIM is a valuable tool in our tool bag, providing a bridge for our relationships with our project engineers and architects."

For new members, Schepers advises to get involved, pay attention to what the design community is putting on paper, don't be concerned about questioning it and learn from experience. A favorite quote of Schepers' sums it up well. "Good judgment comes from experience; experience comes from bad judgment." —Dr. Kerr White

The company's favorite thing about the masonry industry is that it is ever-changing. With a wide variety of masonry-related products and installation methods, it seems never-ending and allows their team the opportunities to try varied materials and installation methods. It certainly takes the monotony out of "one over two."