



### **Midwest Contracting Promotes Ongoing Education in All Things Masonry**

Midwest Contracting, a MIM member for 10 years, is a general contractor specializing in design, build and development. Established more than 26 years ago, Midwest self-performs all masonry, carpentry, concrete, site work, painting and drywall finishes. Midwest's work has encompassed a wide range of projects at the local, county and state level including universities; public schools; restaurants; retail buildings; fire stations, gas stations; and many more. Projects can be viewed on their [website](#).

Patrick Nawrocki, vice president at Midwest, appreciates “the overwhelming amount of available resources and information available through the MIM to assist, compliment and bring integrity to both the mason contractor and architecture and engineering (A & E) teams with current code compliant design requirements and specifications.”

He added that the MIM has not only helped him in asking the right questions of design teams to ensure their designs are up to date but has also provided resources to help and compliment the projects' outcome. “We, as mason contractors, must be able to identify potential issues with design and industry standards,” he said. “We can't do that if we don't educate ourselves.” Pat praised the MIM for adding credibility for mason contractors with A & E teams.

Pat offers advice to new members of the MIM. “Educate yourself with all aspects of the TMS 402/602,” he said. “Stay connected to the MIM and all its resources and online tools—not only when you have issues but also to have an active and ongoing education in masonry construction.”

Working with people who share the company's passion and vision for masonry is something for which Pat, who has been in the industry for 37 years, feels privileged.