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**NEW PARTNERSHIP INCREASES TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
WISCONSIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS**

*Wisconsin Towns Association Partners With Construction Business Group To Make Bidder
Database Available To All Members*

(MADISON, Wis.) – [Construction Business](#) Group (CBG), a leading voice for the Wisconsin construction industry, and the [Wisconsin Towns Association](#) (WTA), an advocate for town and village governments, have announced a partnership to ensure transparency and accountability for contractors working on construction projects in the State of Wisconsin.

Every year, numerous public construction projects are started in Wisconsin to improve our infrastructure. When municipalities competitively bid public works, the award must go to the “lowest responsible bidder.” Determining whether a bidder is “responsible,” however, can be nearly impossible unless the local government has an extensive contractor prequalification process, which is beyond the resource capabilities of many local governments.

To ensure responsible contractors are being selected, CBG has created a [Bidder Database](#). The database is a free, easy to use online research resource that holds extensive information on over 11,000 contractors. Through a simple search of a contractor name, the database supplies links to judgments, tax liens, debarment records, OSHA violations, and more. All data is verifiable and reliable public information and provides local governments and other project owners with a convenient tool to vet contractors and subcontractors.

Recently, the WTA and CBG entered into a Memorandum of Agreement that will make the bidder database an even more powerful tool. Local government officials will have exclusive access to a project evaluation form that may be completed for public works projects. The project evaluation will be connected to the contractor (or subcontractor) that was evaluated and available to view by other local governments and all other registered users.

“We are excited to partner with the Wisconsin Towns Association to ensure that town officials are making informed decisions when selecting their contractors,” said Robb Kahl, Executive Director of CBG. “Ensuring responsible long-term investments are being made for Wisconsin’s infrastructure is one of our organization’s top priorities.”

“Having the resources to properly vet contractors to ensure they are responsible has long been a challenge for town and village governments in Wisconsin,” said Mike Koles, Executive Director of the WTA. “Providing our members access to CBG’s Bidder Database, which includes a mechanism to share feedback on contractors, will help ensure that construction projects are done right the first time, leading to a responsible use of taxpayer dollars.”



For more information on CBG, visit their [website](#) or follow them on [social media](#).

For more information on the Wisconsin Towns Association, please visit www.wisctowns.com.

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Construction Business Group

Construction Business Group is a Joint Labor-Management organization representing the interests 30,000 Operating Engineers, Carpenters, Laborers and Painters and 4,500 contractors. CBG's purpose is to enhance business opportunities and quality of life by ensuring fairness, equity and standards of excellence in the construction industry of Wisconsin. Learn more about CBG by visiting their [website](#) or following them on [social media](#).

Wisconsin Towns Association

The Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) is a statewide, voluntary, non-profit and non-partisan association of member town and village governments providing education, legal information and grassroots legislative advocacy to empower and inspire our members to lead in their communities. Learn more at www.wisctowns.com.