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**WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION JOINS TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERSHIP FOR WISCONSIN CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTORS**

*The Association Joins The League of Wisconsin Municipalities In Providing Access For All
Members To Construction Business Group's Bidder Database*

(MADISON, Wis.) – [Construction Business Group](#) (CBG), a leading voice for the Wisconsin construction industry, has announced a partnership with the [Wisconsin Counties Association](#) to give them access to their Bidder Database – an online searchable accountability data library containing information on contractors that bid for public projects. The materials in the database will help ensure transparency and accountability for contractors working on construction projects in Wisconsin's 72 counties, creating better investments for Wisconsin taxpayers and safer conditions for Wisconsin workers.

When Wisconsin counties and municipalities bid their new construction projects each year, contractors competitively bid for the public work contract. By law, the work must be awarded to the “lowest responsible bidder,” however, determining whether a bidder is “responsible” can be nearly impossible for small county governmental entities unless there is an extensive contractor prequalification process – a burdensome duty that is beyond the resource capabilities of many county governments.

To assist local governments with identifying responsible contractors, CBG has created a [Bidder Database](#). The database is a free, easy to use online research resource that holds extensive records on over 10,000 contractors. Though a simple search, the database compiles links to judgments, tax liens, debarment records, OSHA violations, and more. All data is verifiable and reliable public information and provides local governments, other project owners, general contractors and engineering firms with a convenient tool to vet contractors and subcontractors.

“We are proud to provide Wisconsin's county governments with a powerful tool for identifying responsible contractors through our Bidder Database,” said Robb Kahl, Executive Director of CBG. “Creating a fair bidding landscape for contractors in Wisconsin is critical to protecting taxpayer's investments on public projects.”

As a result of the partnership between WCA and CBG, County government officials will now have access to a project evaluation form that may be completed for their public works projects. The project evaluation will be connected to the contractor (or subcontractor) that was evaluated and

available to view by other local and county governments along with all other registered users creating a better feedback loop on previous project performance for bidders.

“We are excited to offer our members a powerful tool that will enable them to make informed decisions when selecting contractors,” said Mark O’Connell, Executive Director of Wisconsin Counties Association. “Selecting the wrong contractor can cost millions and cause serious safety concerns for both workers and citizens. We are pleased to partner with CBG to increase transparency in the bidding process.”

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

For more information on the Wisconsin Counties Association, please visit www.wicounties.org.

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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 Counties Association

The Wisconsin Counties Association is the foremost voice of county officials, representing all 72 counties in Wisconsin at both the state and federal level. WCA is a highly interactive service provider to county officials and other government entities offering lobbying, insurance programs, education, research, grant development and consulting services resulting in our ability to affect public policy to the benefit of county government. Learn more at www.wicounties.org.