



# PROTECT YOURSELF – AND YOUR WORKERS

**Support M.A.R.C. and Responsible Contracting for SAFE Construction**

## **Protecting your employees is a top priority**

Working with other RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTORS protects your employees!

Working on a construction project that has a Responsible Contractor Policy in place ensures that ALL contractors on the job are using only SAFE, QUALIFIED, and TRAINED workers.



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## **The Safety Benefits of Responsible Contracting.**

When the owner of a construction project has a Responsible Contractor Policy in place, that owner has considered the following standards of all contractors BEFORE awarding a contract:

- Safety Training in a verifiable safety program.
- Proper Experience working on similar projects.
- Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace compliance with a certified testing program.
- Compliance with Regulatory Agencies such as MIOSHA.
- Accident and Illness Rates history.
- Proof of Insurance coverage and compliance with compensation on statutes.

With a Responsible Contractor Policy, any contractor submitting bids for a school construction project must meet these and other requirements outlined in the policy. These criteria keep quality construction safety and accountability at the top of any construction plan.

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## **The Michigan Association for Responsible Contracting (M.A.R.C.)**

M.A.R.C. is helping the industry meet the construction needs of Michigan's schools by assisting school districts with adopting Responsible Contractor Policies – by educating educators and the public about Responsible Contracting with free presentations and consulting services.

M.A.R.C. was formed as a non-profit organization in 2003 by the **Michigan Chapter Associated General Contractors**; the **Michigan Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association**; the **Michigan Mechanical Contractors Association**; and the **Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council**. Contributors have come to also include **Management & Unions Serving Together (M.U.S.T.) of Detroit**; **Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust**; **Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Associated Workers Local 149**; **Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights**; **Operating Engineers Local 324**; and **Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC) Local 9**.



With the assistance of M.A.R.C., the Michigan Association of School Boards adopted a model Responsible Contracting resolution to be used by all school boards.

In August 2004, school districts were sent letters supporting Responsible Contracting for school construction from the Western Michigan Chapter of the Association Builders and Contractors

### **How You Can Support M.A.R.C. and Workplace Safety**

M.A.R.C.'s effort will only have limited success if it does not represent the entire organized construction industry. M.A.R.C. needs YOU to support it and Responsible Contracting so that construction sites around the state are SAFE.

Your Support also will assure quality public school construction and an equal opportunity to participate in the potential \$11 billion annual statewide school building and maintenance programs.

For more information, call M.A.R.C. at 1.866.YES.MARC or visit M.A.R.C. online at [www.miarc.org](http://www.miarc.org)

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