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## Beckenhauer Named To National Association Of Church Design Builders

**B**eckenhauer Construction has long been recognized as a leader in the church construction market and, as such, has recently been named to the National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB). This recently formed nonprofit organization of leading designers and builders of churches and church-related facilities was organized to provide religious and other nonprofit groups with information on the planning, design and construction of their facilities.



NACDB recognizes that one of the largest financial commitments any church makes is the construction of its facilities and the tremendous need they have for information on the entire development process, from funding and finding the land all the way through the design and construction of the facility itself. The goal of NACDB and its members is to serve as a primary resource by providing information, industry research, holding seminars and participating in conventions and trade shows.

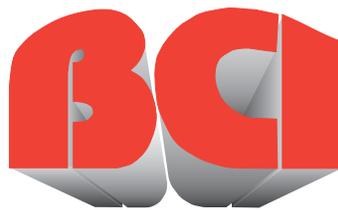
The organization will focus its efforts on educating local churches on buying, building, expanding, remodeling or leasing facilities that promote their ministry's mission, vision and values; providing the highest levels of expertise for cost-efficient and effective church facility solutions; and promoting the church planning, architecture and construction services of its member companies.

NACDB's goal is to help congregations design and build better churches in the 21st century. Its members want to become recognized as the experts in the educational process, architectural design and construction of churches and related facilities. Beckenhauer Construction is an NACDB member, serving Eastern and Central Nebraska.

If your church is considering building or expanding and would like more information on NACDB, visit the organization's website, [www.nacdb.com](http://www.nacdb.com), or call Beckenhauer Construction at 402-371-5363.

## Why Pre-Construction Services?

"The beginning is the most important part of the work." —Plato



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Site work begins on Creekwood Professional Park project

## What is “Value Engineering” and What Can It Do For You?

**A**rchitects and contractors often speak of “value engineering.” Some in our industry will incorrectly employ this expression as a euphemism for “cheap,” but “cheapness” and “value” are not the same thing. So what does it really mean? How can one “engineer” value?

Value engineering, properly applied, is a process of discerning where construction and lifecycle cost savings may

be balanced without sacrificing quality or performance. This systematic approach to properly specifying, designing and assembling systems and materials requires technical knowledge and skillful analysis by the designer/builder.

Experience, creativity and ingenuity are necessary to reduce cost or enhance utility where it is prudent and feasible to do so. The best results are achieved if this process begins as preliminary plans

are first developed and then continues through construction. In each phase of construction, careful attention and review are exercised to optimize time, cost and labor efficiencies. Most importantly, the balance between initial cost (cost to purchase and install materials) and lifecycle cost (cost to maintain or replace materials over a building’s life) is considered and compared for the owner.

Drawing on our experience as builders, developers and property owners since 1878, the Beckenhauer Construction team knows what are—and what are not—smart and effective ways to manage building costs. As a result, we can produce quality built, aesthetically pleasing projects that serve our clients’ needs quite affordably.

To learn more about how to achieve true value in your next project, call Ron Stauffer or Del Fuelberth at 402-371-5363.



Construction progress on the Holt County Courthouse Addition, O’Neill, Nebraska

