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Hello Everyone!

Who is ready for spring!! Looks like we have some great weather coming and temperatures are increasing. I have to say, this month has been pretty good to us, we continue to work outside and progress with our underground work, allowing the buildings we need to get closed up and weather tight. I would once again like to thank everyone for being patient as the buildings continue to take longer to close up than we are typically used to.

We have also had a great month picking up future work. We have landed many projects that give us great stability for the future, even if the economy would cool off. We most recently were awarded the following jobs:

- ISU Cy-Town Phase 1- a large project installing 93 light poles, and all of the high volt and communication infrastructure that will feed the next phase of development, we plan to be very aggressive trying to land the future phases
- Waukee North Middle School- a new building close to 300,000 square feet very high-end building, the finish date brings us to the end of 2025
- North Polk Elementary and Middle School renovation and additions- this is a very nice medium sized addition and remodel project
- Indian Hills Centerville Community College- a new building that will combine many of the current building's programs under one roof
- U of Iowa- we picked a couple of projects that should be fairly quick projects, because we have a project shutdown due to winter heating costs
- Fleur Drive Ph. 3 traffic signal project- we will be working with InRoads Construction as we update another 2 intersections and roadway lighting

These are just a few of the new exciting projects. The future is bright and we will continue to work hard to keep the schedules consistent and full of opportunities.

I am proud to say we have had another month without a loss of time accident. Thank-you to everyone that is taking this very seriously and making a diligent effort to make every day a safe day!!

I would like to introduce Jagger Olson to the team. Jagger is the new Tool Room manager, he will be repairing, tracking, and managing all company issued tools and equipment. Jagger has a great demeanor and I am sure everyone will find him very easy to work with. This position is very much needed and in his short time here, he has made a very big impact and I am sure it will continue.

We have also had a good couple of months of trainings, continuing education, and life safety training. We will continue to offer classes in the future to keep everyone up to date. Thanks to everyone that is doing their part to make these classes the best they can be and thank you Tammi and Jordan for lining all of them up for everyone. Also, I have heard great reports on our current apprentices at ABC. I appreciate you representing the company well and making the best of a training that will support you in the future.

In closing, I would like to say, I feel like we have some really good things going on in the company and it is only because of really exceptional people!!! Keep the good work and let's continue to make 2023 the best year it can be!!!!

Sincerely,
Nate Van Maanen

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Van Maanen Electric was contracted to complete work on the new Des Moines Municipal Services Center II in Des Moines, Iowa. This project is the new location for Public Works, Fleet Services, Solid Waste Department and Radio Services. It includes office section, auto parts center, fleet building that has room for 80 public works vehicles, maintenance service center with 31 working stalls, a weld shop and lifts and cranes, fuel station, car wash and two-way communication radio shop. We incorporated energy efficient systems to lower operational costs and allowed the city to seek a LEED gold certification as a "green" building. We installed 188,000 feet of EMT conduit and 96,000 feet of PVC underground. The building also gets about 25% of its energy demands from the solar we installed on the roof.

There was a huge crew a part of this project, we'd like to thank all of them for their great work: Foreman Nate Smith, Desmonne Hoffert, Paul Wilson, Cody Gent, Jason White, Kade Tharp, Wilton Gonzalez, Garrett Arnold, Noah Heidebrink, Sean McCann, Matthew Pester, Steve Schinkel, Derek Jones, Ryan Moes, Edgar Pena, Gary Wanders, Joe Jansen, Jon Warnick, Kalob Hesson, Kyle Cogil, Tate Hoskins, Chad Johnson, Omar Morales, Steven Scott, Trevor Ward, Michael Davis, Evan Ely, Colton Gibson, Alfredo Alvarez, Guillermo Bedolla, Samuel Jabara, Travis Meester, Josh DeVod, Cameron Smith, and many other temp workers employed by VME. Projects like this couldn't be completed without all of our great employees.

We appreciate all of the hard work that allows us to continue to complete jobs for the City of DSM.

CLIENT

Des Moines Municipal Services Center II – City of Des Moines

DELIVERY METHOD

Van Maanen Electric, Inc.

PROJECT MANAGER

Matt Van Maanen

PROJECT FOREMAN

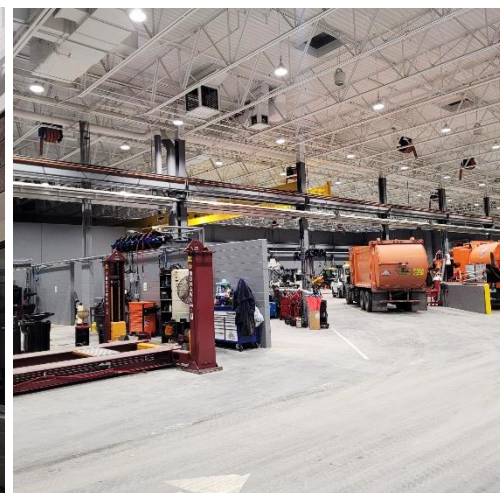
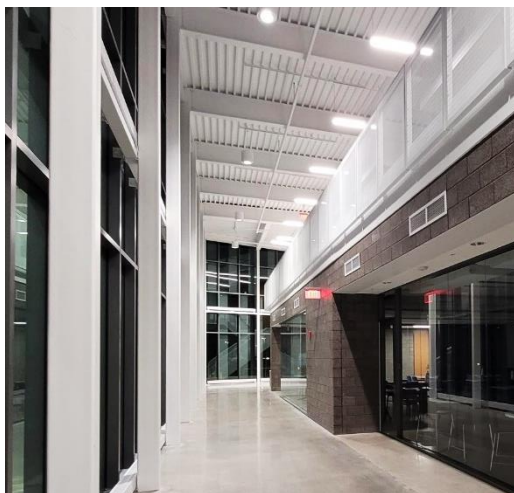
Nate Smith

PROJECT SIZE

270,000 st. ft.

DATE COMPLETED

Main building – October 2022
Fuel Station/Car Wash 2023



CLIENT

Innovation Refunds
Regency West 8

DELIVERY METHOD

Van Maanen Technology

PROJECT MANAGER

Kevin Lemon

PROJECT FOREMAN

Sabas Ramirez & Trevor
Hempfen

DATE COMPLETED

November 2022

Innovation Refunds is a leading innovate company creating additional income for companies of any size through tax refunds and rebates. They are located in the Regency West Building #8 on R&R property in West Des Moines. Through a long and prosperous business relationship between Realty Technology Services (a division of R&R Realty) and Van Maanen Technology, VMT was brought in to provide cabling services as Innovation Refunds was taking office space on the 3rd floor of RW8. Once the project started during the 1st quarter of 2022, it expanded to take over the complete office space of the 3rd floor. Within 2 months of completion, Innovation Refunds expanded on to the 2nd floor of RW8. This meant VMT needed to remove an existing data center, remove all cabling and systems on the 2nd floor from the previous client, and relocate the existing sound masking system to the 3rd floor for Innovation Refunds. As the projects progressed, additional cabling was added for door schedulers and TV Monitors. Overall, 13+ miles of cabling was installed between the 2 floors.

The overall project took over 8 months. The project was led by a multitude of Van Maanen Technology employees, mainly lead by Foreman Sabas Ramirez and Trevor Hempfen. Sabas has led many projects for VMT and Trevor is the lead Service Tech for all of RTS Properties. Although these two gentlemen lead most of the project, we also had the assistance of other Foreman such as Travis Lemon, Joe Voshell, Jesse Henderson, Blake Lossner, Jordan Wickre, and Peter Swank. Technicians that also helped include Jason Purscell, Alex Stambach, Ben Detrick, and many of the temp workers who are employed by VMT. The project was managed by Kevin Lemon.

The future looks bright for this business relationship between Innovation Refunds, Realty Technology Services, and Van Maanen Technology as an expansion into Regency West Building #7 is looking very promising!



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Safety on the Road – Driving Safely Starts with You

Unlike other workplaces, the roadway is not a closed environment. Preventing work-related roadway accidents requires strategies that combine traffic safety principles and sound safety practices. Here are some work vehicle safety tips that every driver should follow:

1. **Check your blind spots:** Check mirrors every 8-10 seconds to be aware of vehicles entering your blind spots. Scan ahead for changing traffic patterns.
2. **Be aware of long stopping distances and drive at a safe speed:** Driving too fast for weather or road conditions or failing to slow down for curves or ramps create risks for crashes. Be aware of your surroundings, and never drive above the speed limit. Slow down, maintain extra following space, be prepared to stop.
3. **Always buckle up:** Wear your seat belt every time you drive or ride. Seat belts can save lives and reduce injuries.
4. **Stay focused and avoid distracted driving:** Get enough rest; don't drive when you're fatigued, feeling ill, or using medications (including over-the-counter medicine) that make you drowsy or dizzy. Texting is among the worst driving distractions. It is also illegal to drive and text. Eating, drinking, or any other activity that takes the focus off of the road can also be distracting.
5. **Always use your signal:** Signal and brake early to give other drivers plenty of time to notice your intent. If you must pull off the road, use flashers, reflective triangles, or other devices to alert approaching drivers.
6. **Maintain your vehicle:** Make sure pre-trip safety inspections are complete before hitting the road, particularly for tires and brakes. If you are hauling, make sure that your load is well-balanced and secure, as a shifting load can cause a rollover or loss of control. Loose materials can create road hazards.
7. **Plan your trip in advance:** Stay up-to-date on weather and road conditions, detours, and unfamiliar routes to plan appropriate driving time. This also keeps you from being distracted by navigation changes.

If you or someone you know is struggling and wants help, you can contact the Employee Assistance Program 800-316-2796, it is free and confidential

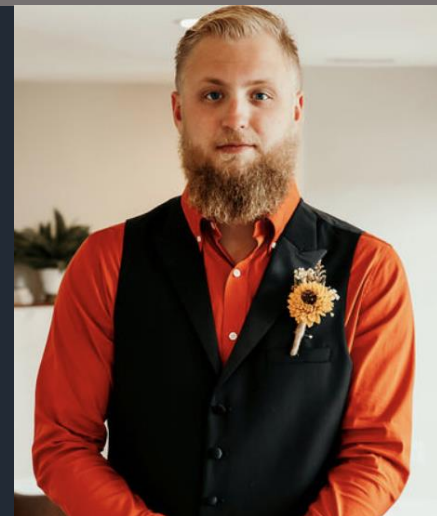
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: LUIS MEDINA

We are pleased to introduce you to Luis Medina. Luis started with Van Maanen over 15 years ago at the Sully shop. His very first project was in Chillicothe, Missouri replacing the jail fire alarm system. Luis is now a Foreman Electrician for VME who enjoys his coworkers and the daily challenges. His favorite project completed with Van Maanen was Van Wall Equipment in Nevada. Luis is from Chicago and in his spare time enjoys grilling and spending time with his beautiful wife and 5 kids, 3 boys and 2 girls.

We want to thank Luis for his dedication to Van Maanen Electric and his commitment to the work he does for us. We also appreciate his leadership as a Foreman. Excited for more years to come with you!



APPRENTICE CORNER



As an apprentice at Van Maanen Electric, you are learning through the ABC of Iowa program. As an electrical apprentice you will use mathematical and visualization skills to learn how to read blueprints to locate outlets, circuits, panel boards and other equipment while understanding the National Electrical Code as well as state and local building codes. Students receive intense instruction in safety, math, electrical materials, theory, installation, maintenance and several other areas consistent with the electrical trade.

We'd like to take some time to introduce one of our Electrician Apprentice 4's. This month's featured apprentice is Scott Scharber Jr. who has been with Van Maanen Electric for almost 5 years. He is from Big Lake, Minnesota and enjoys spending time with family and friends; as well as finding new projects to work on. He appreciates working with a close knit crew, and decided to become an electrician as he already had a construction background. Scott's favorite project to complete with Van Maanen was District at 6th in Des Moines.

March Birthdays

1 st Tyler Miller	16 th Trevor Ward	23 rd Austin Andreasen
2 nd Jon Warnick	17 th Kyle Cogil	24 th Alex Regaldo
4 th Gage Gift	18 th Rick McCarty	Michael Smith
8 th Joy Plumley	19 th David Calkins	25 th Tom Libke
11 th Scott Handeland	Joe Jansen	26 th Nava Martinez
	Larry Miller	30 th Nathan Van Maanen
	Michael Smith	

March Anniversaries

2 nd Bret Komlose – 3 years	19 th Nate Smith – 11 years	29 th Joe Jansen – 13 years
3 rd Tony Fernandez – 1 year	22 nd Ryan Hall – 2 years	Brendon McGinnis – 5 years
11 th Al Gonzales – 3 years	Trevor Meester – 2 years	30 th Jason Hanna – 8 years
15 th Kasey Barnes – 2 years	23 rd David Pedashov – 1 year	Ethan Mitchell – 3 years
16 th Fernando Chinchia – 1 year	27 th Trevor Hemen – 5 years	
	Scott Scharber Jr – 5 years	

New Employees

Jagger Olson – Tool Room Manager



We are participating in Newton Development Corporation Promotes Workforce Wednesday. We are also welcoming students that are looking for employment after high school to visit so they can see what an apprenticeship would look like with us.

Participate by stopping in Van Maanen Electric and talking with one of our HR personnel.

Every 1st Wednesday of the month from 11am-2pm