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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Mechanical Research & Design, Inc. chooses A.C.E. Building Service for renovation project**

Mechanical Research and Design in Newton is embarking on a major renovation and building project and has chosen A.C.E. Building Service of Manitowoc as design/build contractor.

Mechanical Research saw a need to expand their current operations, located on 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Manitowoc, and was in need of a larger facility. They found that space in the old Stecker Machine building at 7511 Center Road in Newton.

A.C.E. has already broken ground for the 3,300-square-foot addition to the existing 32,000-square-foot facility that includes a 20-Ton overhead bridge crane. The building renovation will provide 5,000 square feet of new office space that includes a conference room, design center and employee wellness center.

Included in the project is an upgrade of the facility energy systems. The centerpiece of the energy upgrade is the installation of a 3,000-square-foot photovoltaic array on the south face of the building. Power from these solar cells will provide approximately 20% of the annual electrical power for the facility. Also included are installation of high efficiency lighting fixtures, high efficiency on-demand water heater, high efficiency boiler, and insulation upgrades.

Mechanical Research is an international company that designs and manufactures seals and sealing devices for pipelines and process equipment. One of their current large projects is designing and building an 11 ton seal tight door to be placed 700 feet below ground that will partition off a portion of the New York City's water supply system so that repair work can be done, and an upcoming project will take them to Spain.

The renovation project should be completed in early November.

Founded in 1950, A.C.E. Building Service is located in Manitowoc and provides commercial and industrial construction services – including new buildings, expansions,

renovations, metal re-roof, facilities maintenance, design/build, and build/lease – to Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties.

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