

Contractors look for Vikings stadium business; complete annual home makeover

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The Minnesota Sports Authority recently announced minority, women and small business goals for the Architects and Engineers portion of building the new Minnesota Vikings Stadium.

The National Association of Minority Contractors Upper Midwest Chapter (NAMC-UM) hailed the actions of the Sports Authority, particularly the work of Ted Mondale and Michel Helm-Kelgen for executing a plan of action for positive growth and change.

NAMC-UM seeks to participate in building a retractable solar roof and parking and says it has developed solutions to cut costs. In a statement released by the NAMC-UM the organization says it has alerted its members that nothing short of their best possible work will be acceptable when it comes to participating in the stadium project.

On a smaller scale of building, NAMC-UM held its 4th Annual Home Makeover on Aug. 25. The group made over the home of Renee Perez, a single grandmother, who is raising her grandchildren. According to NAMC, it chose Perez because she and her family have helped their neighbors with home repairs, gardening and outdoor activities for nearly 70 years.

NAMC-UM said 35 companies, prime contractors and minority contractors, came together to rebuild the Perez home.