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Online continuing education course for architecture, engineering and construction professionals.

CLEVELAND, OHIO – www.mbma.com: The [Metal Building Manufacturers Association](http://www.mbma.com) (MBMA), in cooperation with [Architectural Record](#) magazine, has released a continuing education series titled, “The Benefits of Metal Building Systems from a Whole Building Perspective.” Specifically targeting architects and building professionals, the course discusses the benefits of using metal building systems by highlighting their flexibility, economical and sustainability attributes.

Participants will receive one AIA LU/HSW credit for completing the online course. The course is available through *Architectural Record's* Continuing Education Center website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#), or visiting <http://continuingeducation.bnppmedia.com/article.php?L=475&C=1458&P=1>.

“Metal building systems are an important part of today’s architecture, because they can be used for so many applications. The process of creating a successful structure starts with understanding the various elements and options available, including energy, sustainability and acoustical considerations,” says Dan Walker, PE, MBMA’s associate general manager. “This course was designed around a whole-building approach to educate industry professionals about the benefits of utilizing modern metal building solutions for almost any low-rise application.”

The course includes an overview of the AC472 quality assurance program developed by the International Accreditation Service (IAS); the use of Athena Impact Estimator software to perform a whole-building, cradle-to-grave life-cycle analysis; and enhanced framing systems illustrations. Learning outcomes include the participant’s ability to:

- describe the primary advantages of metal building systems;
- examine the benefits of writing specifications that require the IAS AC472 quality assurance program;

- identify metal building structural components and their corresponding applications;
- explain how the Athena Impact Estimator can be used to quickly determine the sustainable benefits of metal building designs; and
- analyze current metal building design options and construction processes in terms of quality, versatility, sustainability and constructability.

Founded in 1956, MBMA serves manufacturers and suppliers as it works to promote the metal building systems industry. For 60 years, its membership has supplied high-quality buildings for use in commercial, retail, office, industrial, institutional and other end-uses. The association provides a wealth of useful information on its website, www.mbma.com, for anyone who works with or is interested in metal building systems. It includes technical materials and design guides.

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