



**GUNDLACH CHAMPION**

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**EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION**





# YOU NEED A CONTRACTOR THAT UNDERSTANDS YOUR BUSINESS

Gundlach Champion, Inc. (GCI) has decades of experience working on educational construction projects. Our experience includes new schools, building additions and renovations, gymnasiums, technology upgrades, student apartments, laboratories, and everything in between. Whether your project involves a new building, or the renovation of an existing space, we can do it all. We spend the time needed to learn about the goals of your project and your institution. The insight we gain during this programming and design phase means

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your project will be tailored to meet the exact needs of your organization, positively impacting your students, faculty, staff and ultimately, your community at-large.

Since our establishment in 1898, GCI has evolved to become a one-stop shop, providing a variety of construction services. Our range of knowledge and expertise allows us to help walk you through the complexity of an educational construction project. Because GCI has worked with a number of educational institutions and school districts, we understand the politics involved with getting capital construction projects approved. We will provide all necessary information, attend meetings, and if needed will schedule special meetings to ensure that each key decision-maker understands the process and the expected deliverables throughout the project.

From the very beginning of a project, we can help you select the best project delivery system, choose an engineering firm, work with your team throughout the design phase, bid the project out, and ultimately build it.



## CASE STUDY: MTU STUDENT APARTMENT BUILDING

This 78,000 square foot 6 story masonry bearing structure is the first state of the art apartment complex located on campus. The complex has 53 apartments with a total capacity of 195 beds including a 5,000 square foot student activity area with lounge and kitchenette facilities highlighted by a multi level natural stone fireplace element with 3 separate fireplaces. The facility was completed in July of 2010. Originally programmed to attempt LEED Silver Certification, this project received Gold Certification in March 2011.

## WE'VE EARNED OUR DEGREE IN BUILDING SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

We've worked on hundreds of projects ranging in size, scope, and complexity in every major market throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Through our wide range of experience in the Northern Great Lakes region, we have established relationships with many trusted subcontractors and suppliers to get a quality job done safely, on-time, and within budget. We are pleased to work with skilled local subcontractors who are familiar with the area, and who will be available at a moment's notice should the need arise. It is our preference to hire field craft from the locale of the project whenever possible.

## EXPERTISE YOU CAN DEPEND ON

Building in the Great Lakes region can present unique seasonal challenges. Given the extreme weather conditions we experience, GCI understands what it takes to complete our construction projects safely and on time. We have the flexibility to meet tight schedules. To accommodate your schedule or adverse weather, we will work overtime, multiple shifts, fast track schedules, or around existing operations.

There are few things more frustrating on a construction project than escalating budgets or change orders; we use all of our expertise to ensure that these do not occur. During the bid process, we perform a "scrubbing" of design documents to avoid costly mistakes. We employ value engineering techniques to ensure that proper materials are used. If a change order is needed during any phase of the project, we will work with the project designers and owners to identify solutions that minimize cost.



## CASE STUDY: IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Iron Mountain School District received a community-supported bond to renovate its aging buildings, including the 90 year-old high school. The challenge was completing the work during summer sessions and during the school year with students and faculty occupying areas near construction zones. Through many pre-planning and design meetings with the school and design team, GCI was able to develop a detailed schedule to ensure the work was performed in each area in a limited timeframe to reduce the impact to continuing operations. The work include renovations of the auditorium, heating system upgrades, technology system improvements, structural repairs to the aging high school, exterior improvements around the property, and various other renovation activities.





#### TESTIMONIAL: BAY COLLEGE

"Bay College contracted Gundlach Champion for additions and renovations to multiple buildings on our campus. The scope of the work included a life safety systems upgrade to our M-TEC Building, the renovation of our CNSS wing of the 400 building and an industrial space for our water tech program that created a lab and classroom, maintenance shop office, and cold storage additions, as well as a large expansion and renovation to our welding lab. All the facets of this particular project were under a very tight timeline, only four months until we needed occupancy. Gundlach was able to meet the deadline and all the various specifications of the project; this was a very impressive accomplishment, to say the least. Working with the staff and crews of Gundlach Champion was an excellent experience!"

Ralph Curry, Director of Building and Grounds

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