



Knobelsdorff Enterprises Wins Seven Excellence in Construction Awards

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Knobelsdorff Enterprises has received seven Excellence in Construction awards for 2025, recognizing the company's achievements in delivering high-quality projects across multiple sectors, including renewable energy.

The awards highlight Knobelsdorff Enterprises' commitment to executing complex construction initiatives with precision and efficiency. Among the recognized efforts are projects in industrial electrical systems, automation, and renewable energy solutions. This accolade underscores the company's role in advancing sustainable infrastructure through its engineering, procurement, and construction services.

Founded over 30 years ago, Knobelsdorff Enterprises has expanded from its roots in electrical contracting to become a comprehensive provider of industrial solutions. The company operates under the "KE Way," a philosophy that emphasizes customer partnerships, high standards, and long-term relationships. This approach has driven consistent growth, enabling Knobelsdorff Enterprises to serve diverse markets such as manufacturing, grain processing, food and beverage, mining, data centers, and renewable energy.

In the renewable energy sector, Knobelsdorff Enterprises serves as a BESS EPC contractor, delivering turnkey services for battery energy storage systems integrated with utility-scale solar arrays. One notable project involved the construction of a utility-scale solar array and BESS in Marshall, Minnesota, in partnership with US Solar. This initiative included full solar installation, engineering review, civil work, pile driving, underground infrastructure, racking, modules, DC and AC wiring, BESS installation, and commissioning. The project utilized an AC-coupled battery storage system, demonstrating the company's capability to handle integrated renewable energy systems that support grid stability and sustainable power delivery.

Another key project recognized in the awards is the EDF Renewables Solar EPC in Rochester, Minnesota. Knobelsdorff Enterprises constructed a 13.69 MW Westside Solar facility on 140 acres, contributing to a public utility's goal of achieving full reliance on renewable energy by 2030. The project encompassed engineering, procurement, and construction, showcasing the company's expertise in large-scale solar developments.

Knobelsdorff Enterprises also completed a community solar EPC project in Dundas, Minnesota, for Altus Power. This 5 MW open-field solar garden features 20,000 solar panels and 138 miles of wire, providing clean energy to approximately 5,000 homes. The company performed all engineering, procurement, and construction in-house, ensuring seamless execution and adherence to timelines.

In addition to EPC services, Knobelsdorff Enterprises offers operations and maintenance for renewable energy assets. A case study in Minnesota involves managing a portfolio of 28 solar sites producing 125 MW of power. These services include remote monitoring, planned maintenance, system testing, equipment repairs, and upgrades, helping clients maximize return on investment.

The company's power services division supports these efforts by providing electrical testing and preventative maintenance from substations to final distribution points. This includes 24/7 emergency response, ensuring system compliance, safety, and efficiency. A recent example includes responding to a transformer failure in Lake City, Minnesota, where Knobelsdorff Enterprises developed and implemented a rapid recovery plan to minimize downtime.

In the industrial sector, Knobelsdorff Enterprises has undertaken significant projects such as the Dairy Farmers of America facility in Zumbrota, Minnesota. As the electrical contractor for a new build and plant overhaul, the company built on a 20-year relationship to deliver comprehensive electrical solutions. Similarly, at ADM Effingham in Illinois, Knobelsdorff Enterprises automated processes for a 284,000 square foot pet food production facility over two years.

Knobelsdorff Enterprises also provides automation services, specializing in process controls, system integration, MES, IoT, ERP integrations, and UL-listed panel building. These capabilities cater to markets like

grain, feed, flour, and food processing, enhancing operational efficiency.

The Excellence in Construction awards reflect the dedication of the Knobelsdorff Enterprises team to upholding industry standards. "These awards validate the hard work of our employees in delivering projects that meet and exceed client expectations," said Karl von Knobelsdorff, chief executive officer of Knobelsdorff Enterprises. "Our focus on renewable energy solutions, including battery storage systems, positions us to contribute to a sustainable future."

Jason Thompson, Chief Operating Officer of Knobelsdorff Enterprises, added, "Winning these awards motivates us to continue innovating in electrical and construction services. Our integrated approach ensures reliable outcomes for complex projects across various industries."

Knobelsdorff Enterprises maintains a strong emphasis on safety, implementing frameworks like the Safety Leadership Basic Behaviors model to foster a positive safety culture. This includes leadership involvement at all levels, from supervisors to executives, to integrate safety into daily operations.

The company also invests in talent development through internships in electrical and solar fields, offering skill-building opportunities in time management, communication, leadership, and technical expertise. These programs provide mentorship and exposure to real projects, preparing the next generation of professionals.

As a provider of full-scope services, Knobelsdorff Enterprises handles renewable fuels, oil and gas, and modern greenhouse operations. The company's work in data centers includes reliable electrical solutions designed for performance and longevity.

Knobelsdorff Enterprises continues to expand its capabilities in emerging areas like electric vehicle charging stations and biomass projects. With a track record of over 80 solar projects completed in the Midwest, the company remains at the forefront of the renewable energy market.

These awards come at a time when the demand for sustainable energy solutions is increasing. Knobelsdorff Enterprises' expertise in integrating solar with battery storage addresses this need, enabling efficient energy management.

The company's growth is supported by a leadership team committed to operational excellence. Paul Essler, chief financial officer, optimizes financial performance to prepare for future opportunities. Blaine Erkenbrack, vice president of power services, brings over 30 years of experience in electrical safety and maintenance.

Shane Matthees has contributed to the company's expansion since beginning his electrical apprenticeship over 25 years ago. Zack Siceloff applies lean operational practices to build strong teams, while Bob Jones

focuses on human resources and culture strengthening.

Knobelsdorff Enterprises operates primarily in the Midwest but serves clients nationwide. The company's projects demonstrate a balance of technical proficiency and customer-focused execution.

This recognition of seven Excellence in Construction awards affirms Knobelsdorff Enterprises' position as a leader in industrial electrical and renewable energy services.

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