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## **HARRIS MECHANICAL BEGINS WORK ON LARGEST COMMERCIAL PROJECT IN MINNESOTA**

**St. Paul, MN (December 3, 2013)** – In June 2013 Harris Mechanical was awarded the Design/Assist mechanical contract by M.A. Mortenson Company for the new \$1 billion Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium (MMPS) project providing all plumbing, HVAC and temperature controls, and has been working at an aggressive pace since the project officially broke ground in December 2013. Filled with pride and a sense of opportunity to showcase its work, Harris will be leveraging their valuable experience working on similar projects like the University of Minnesota's TCF Bank Stadium built in 2008/09. According to Harris Plumbing Superintendent Rick Smeed, "it's going to be a similar effort to the TCF Bank Stadium project, but on a much larger scale."

Considered to be the largest commercial projects built in Minnesota, the new stadium will serve as a public venue hosting Minnesota Viking's NFL home games and other sports and entertainment events, and will be nearly twice the size of the Metrodome stadium it's replacing requiring an estimated 4.3 million construction work hours to complete.

"To build a project of this size and scope...it requires a dedicated and focused team effort, and having a highly skilled, experienced and built-for-speed field team is really where the rubber meets the road," explains Harris Mechanical Senior Project Manager Dave Bawek. "It's going to be the driving force to our success on the project."

"The sheer size of this project is what's challenging and exciting," explains Harris Mechanical Senior Vice President Darrel Bugel. "Stadiums are one of a kind buildings and each have very unique features. The challenge is how you address those unique aspects of the project. ""Sitting down with the design team early-on really helped us identify both the challenges and the opportunities that ultimately drive the design and the budget," said Harris Mechanical Pre-Construction Project Manager Jon Vollmer. "Once we looked at plans and understood what their intent was, we were able to leverage our experience and find ways to do it more efficiently."

To maximize productivity, control the quality of work and improve job site safety, all mechanical systems will be modeled, fabricated, pre-assembled and stored at the Harris Companies fab shop in Zumbrota, MN for "just in time delivery" to the jobsite. "It's going to be an exciting, very fast moving project...the schedule is extremely aggressive," said Harris Mechanical Project Superintendent Chuck

Schmaltz, “pre-fab and modularization will play a big role in helping us meet many of our schedule milestones and sending everyone home safely.”

“This project’s not only offered great growth opportunities for our existing and newly hired Harris employees, but it will also create new jobs in the area,” said Bugel. To meet the needs of the project and work toward targeted workforce and business goals, Harris will be recruiting and contributing to the training and development of more than 150 new tradespeople in the St. Paul and Minneapolis area. “We take great pride in having this opportunity to help build our industry along with a great project.”

### **Harris Mechanical**

Harris Mechanical has built a distinct reputation over the years for taking on challenging projects, finding innovative solutions, and adding significant value to any mechanical construction project. With an experienced group of professionals, a proven dynamic approach, extensive BIM and fabrication capabilities, and strong ties to its customers and community, Harris Mechanical delivers projects on time and within budget.

### **Harris Companies**

Harris Companies designs, builds, installs, controls, and maintains building systems for health care, industrial, commercial, and institutional customers while maintaining our commitment to the success and increased adoption of sustainable construction practices throughout the industry. Founded in 1948, Harris has grown from its modest beginnings into one of the largest mechanical contractors in the United States. For more information, visit our website at [www.hmcc.com](http://www.hmcc.com).

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