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Minneapolis Exceeds \$1 Billion in Building Permits Issued

August 15, 2014 (MINNEAPOLIS) – On Tuesday, August 13, the City of Minneapolis surpassed the \$1 billion mark in construction projects for 2014. This is the third year in a row Minneapolis has had more than \$1 billion in construction projects approved since 2000 based on the value of permits issued for the year. Last year, this milestone was reached in October. With additional development submissions pending, there is a high potential of reaching \$2 billion in construction projects approved yet this year.

“Yesterday, during my budget address, I said, we are entering a period of growth in our country and our city and today, I am excited to provide evidence that Minneapolis is entering it sooner than most,” said Mayor Betsy Hodges. “Driven by a high level of investment in commercial development, including the new stadium, and multi-family housing developments, the \$1 billion in construction permits approved so far this year, speaks to our commitment to working towards creating a more vibrant Minneapolis that attracts increased investment and residents alike to the city.”

Following is the total valuation of building permits in Minneapolis since 2000:

2000: \$1.142 billion
2001: \$975.8 million
2002: \$889.2 million
2003: \$852.2 million
2004: \$944.7 million
2005: \$855.2 million
2006: \$839.6 million
2007: \$761.3 million
2008: \$772.5 million
2009: \$778 million
2010: \$547.6 million
2011: \$752.8 million
2012: \$1.118 billion
2013: \$1.211 billion
2014: \$1.211 billion (August 14, 2014)

East Downtown Minneapolis is a focal point of much of the new construction with the multipurpose stadium and the adjacent Ryan Companies mixed-use development together totaling over \$460 million to date in total valuation of building permits. Additional construction permits will be required from the two developments as the projects progress.

The construction boom for rental housing continues as well with permits issued for a total of 1,488 dwelling units (single family homes, new rental apartments and apartment conversions, and new condominiums) to date this year. In 2013, 3,552 dwelling units were permitted which was an increase of 249 units from 2012 and 2,936 units from 2011.

The number of apartment/condo units permitted in Minneapolis from 2011-2014 is as follows:

2011: 929

2012: 3,679

2013: 3,445

2014: 1,543 (January 1 – June 30)

“It is exciting to see Minneapolis continue to grow as it is a testament that we are a city where people want to live, work, and play,” said the City of Minneapolis Development Services Director Doug Kress. “The projects we are seeing, like the stadium and Ryan Development, play an important role in creating numerous long-term job opportunities and work for both the private and public sector due to the multi-year nature of the construction. These major investments also are and will attract other investments to downtown and our neighborhoods which will create additional development and job opportunities that will continue to help our city grow.”

The top five 2014 construction projects by building permit valuation in Minneapolis include the following.

1. Vikings Stadium valued at \$241,425,000
2. Downtown East apartments and office tours located 550 S 4th Street, 600 S 4th Street, 510 S 4th Street, and 640 S 4th Street valued at \$218,823,120
3. Wahu Student Housing located at 1000 Washington Avenue valued at \$64,235,000
4. Latitude 45 apartment building located at 301 Washington Avenue SE valued at \$53,915,463.
5. 15th Avenue Student Housing apartment building located at 501 15th Avenue SE valued at \$36,785,000.

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