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Construction Goes High Tech

(NAPSA)—The newest tools to be used at construction sites may not help with hammering nails or sawing wood, but they could cut production time and help lower the cost of building.

Commercial and industrial construction contractors, including the nearly 25,000 members of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), now use software such as Building Information Modeling



High-tech tools are helping to curb construction costs.

(BIM) to provide an on-screen, three-dimensional picture of what a construction project will look like from start to finish. The technology replaces old-fashioned paper blueprints and even allows scheduling and cost information to be incorporated into the model.

Additionally, many construction sites use GPS satellites to mark job sites for grading or to track the location of heavy equipment and building materials.

To learn more about the commercial and industrial construction industry, visit Associated Builders and Contractors online at www.abc.org.