

**U.S. Mechanical,
Electrical, Plumbing**
Industry Brief H1 2026

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As the overall construction market in the U.S. remains uneven, MEP contractors—particularly larger firms—are benefiting from an unprecedented surge in complex megaprojects like AI data centers, semiconductor fabrication facilities, and advanced manufacturing plants

Market Backdrop — Robust Demand

- The U.S. MEP services market is forecast to grow from ~\$34.6 B in 2026 to ~\$47.0 B by 2031 (6.3% CAGR), with data centers bring the fastest-growing vertical by end market, and mechanical services contributing to a majority of the market share
- The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) estimates a ~\$3.7 T ten-year infrastructure funding gap from 2024 through 2033, with wastewater / stormwater (~\$690 B), roads (~\$684 B) and energy (~\$578 B) being the largest categories, based on maintaining the current federal investment levels
- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. power consumption hit its second straight annual record high at 4,195 billion kWh in 2025. It is projected to increase to 4,268 billion kWh in 2026, and further to 4,391 billion kWh by 2027

Labor Shortages Drive Valuation Multiples



The U.S. MEP contracting market faces a deficit if ~650,000 skilled workers, as retirements of the Baby Boomer generation accelerate; this led to a 20% wage growth since 2020



Established MEP contractors with employee pools can pass along rising labor costs to end users and command higher pricing, leading to higher revenue, and premium valuation multiples

Digitization Results in Advantages



MEP contractors are deploying Building Information Modeling (BIM), AI-enabled estimating, digital project management, and field technologies to improve coordination and project visibility



Mobile platforms, IoT-enabled equipment, and real-time project data are improving communication, thereby enabling MEP contractors in faster decision-making and execution



Deal Landscape

- Strategic acquirers and financial sponsors remain active participants in the MEP contracting industry, supported by the growing need for infrastructure investments, labor scarcity, and building modernization demand
- Financial sponsors are pouring record capital into the U.S. MEP sector, and outbidding strategic buyers. Contractors generating 50%+ of revenue from maintenance, service and repair command significant premiums

Strategic Implications for MEP Owners and Sponsors

- Firms with a retained regional labor bench can command premiums for time-sensitive projects and better absorb wage inflation, while sub-scale contractors face greater margin pressure
- Exposure to data centers, healthcare, and public infrastructure, combined with a service-heavy revenue mix, enhances earnings visibility and positions platforms for premium valuations
- Consolidation provides a pathway to expand geographic coverage, diversify end-market exposure, add skilled labor capacity, and capture procurement / operational efficiencies

Sources: [American Society of Civil Engineers - A Comprehensive Assessment of America's Infrastructure](#); [MarkWide Research - US MEP Services Market Size 2026-2036](#); [Mordor Intelligence - US MEP Services Market Size and Share, 2025-2031](#)

Long-Term Industry Catalysts

AI & Digital Infrastructure Expansion



Investments in cloud infrastructure, and AI computing capacity drive demand for complex electrical, cooling, and power systems

Aging Infrastructure Modernization



Retrofit and replacement needs across commercial, healthcare, and industrial facilities support sustained MEP demand

Sustainability Initiatives



Adoption of energy-efficient technologies, EV infrastructure, and decarbonization programs is driving system upgrade activity

Manufacturing Reshoring



Reshoring trends and investments in semiconductor facilities is increasing demand for design, installation, and maintenance services

Industry Headwinds



Shortage of Skilled Labor and Wage Inflation



Long Equipment Lead Time and Supply Chain Constraints



Construction Project Delays and Massive Power Needs

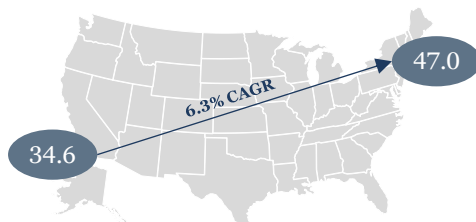


Regulatory Complexity and Increasing Safety Standards

Favorable market dynamics such as expanding digital infrastructure, aging infrastructure in U.S., energy transition initiatives, and investments in semiconductors create a favorable demand environment for MEP contractors

Market Size (\$ Billions)

The U.S. Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) market size is expected to grow from \$34.6 B in 2026 to \$47.0 B in 2031 at a CAGR of 6.3%



Source: Mordor Intelligence - US MEP Services Market Size and Share, 2025-2031

Select Industry Leading Players



Larger MEP players continue to win complex projects and expand market share through M&A strategies, workforce scale, geographic reach, and investments in prefabrication and tech-enabled delivery capabilities

Growth Driver

Data Center Demand
Aging Infrastructure Modernization
Development of Energy-Efficient Retrofits
U.S. Construction Spending

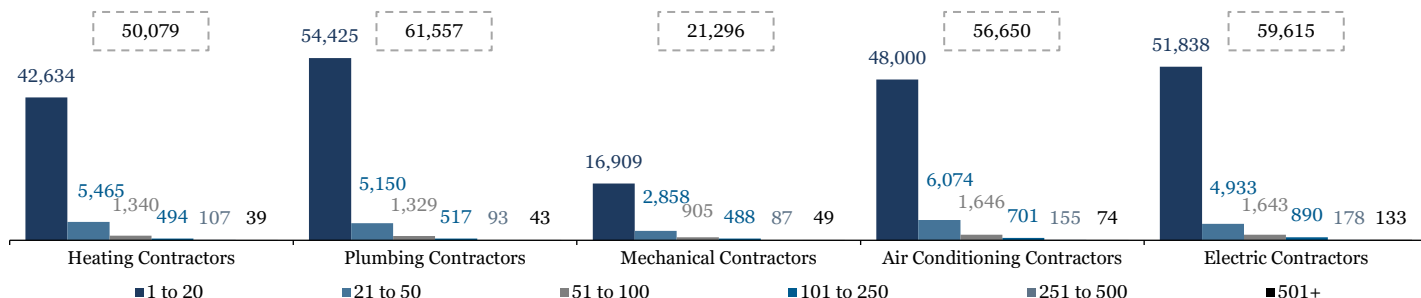
Impact



High

MEP Market Segments

(Company Size and Number of Companies)



Source: Acumatica, The Cloud ERP - Construction Specialty Subcontractors: Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing

Latest Market Trends



Efficient Technologies

Mechanical systems are being reimagined with efficient technologies like geothermal heating/cooling, varying refrigerant flow, and cutting-edge air filtration



Eco-Friendly Plumbing

The U.S. plumbing industry is turning to eco-friendly technologies in response to the escalating water deficiency in western region of the country



Energy Efficient Retrofits

Energy efficiency retrofits are becoming popular, as building owners focus on reducing energy consumption, lighting controls and efficient electrical equipment



Regulatory Complexity

ASHRAE and NFPA regulations are creating an environment that necessitates the engagement of technically qualified MEP contractors

ASHRAE - American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers

NFPA - The National Fire Protection Association

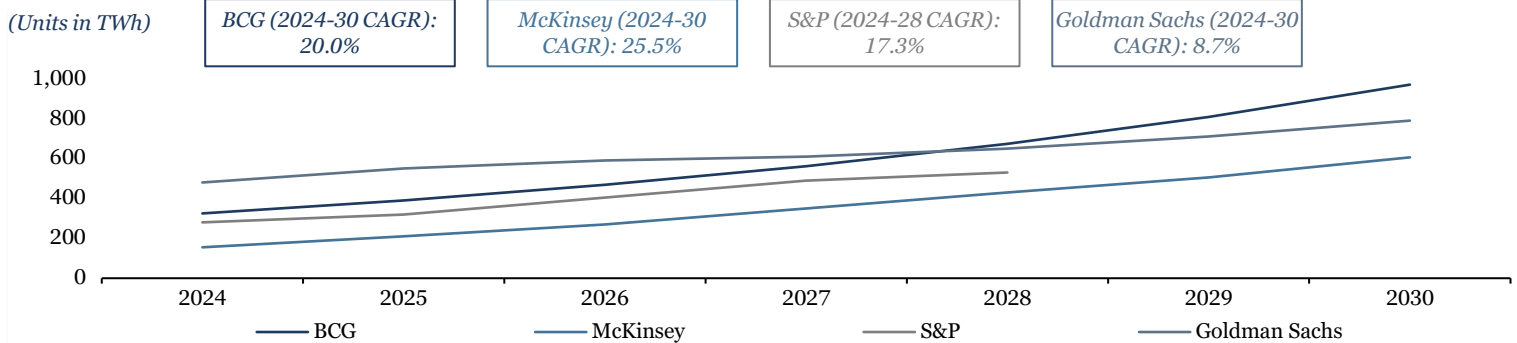
Data Center Boom

- North America is experiencing a surge in data-center development as AI and traditional cloud computing drive investments. With strong hyperscaler-led AI and cloud growth, coupled with federal and state investments, the U.S. leads the North American data center market with 30 GW of live IT capacity
- While forecasts vary, all projections indicate a significant increase in U.S. data center electricity consumption through 2030, driven by growing demand for AI workloads, cloud computing, video streaming, IT infrastructure, and digital communications

Data centers need electric systems, backup generators, cooling infrastructure, and building automation controls

Data centers are among the most MEP-intensive construction asset types in U.S.

U.S. Data Centers Electricity Consumption Forecast



U.S. Infrastructure Funding Gap



Despite significant federal and state infrastructure investments in recent years, the U.S. continues to face an infrastructure funding shortfall across critical assets. Estimates indicate an infrastructure investment gap of ~\$3,700B, with the largest unmet needs concentrated in water systems, energy infrastructure, transportation networks, and public facilities.

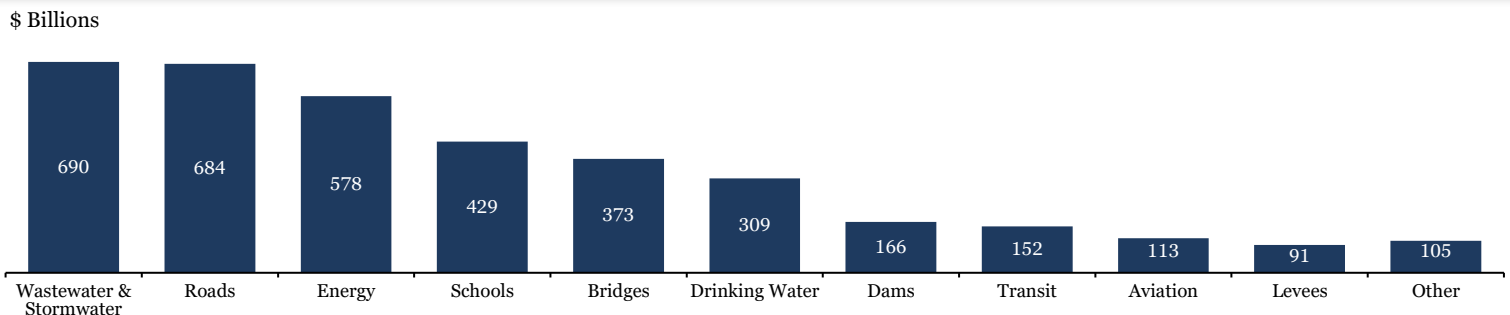


Wastewater and stormwater require the highest estimated funding of ~\$690B. Despite a surge in demand, U.S. energy and utilities require ~\$580B in additional funding. Most of these projects necessitate significant electrical, mechanical, controls, and energy-management upgrades



As investment flows towards improving the reliability and resiliency of infrastructure, MEP service providers could benefit from retrofit, replacement, and new-construction opportunities across both public and private end markets

Infrastructure Funding Gap in U.S. by Sector

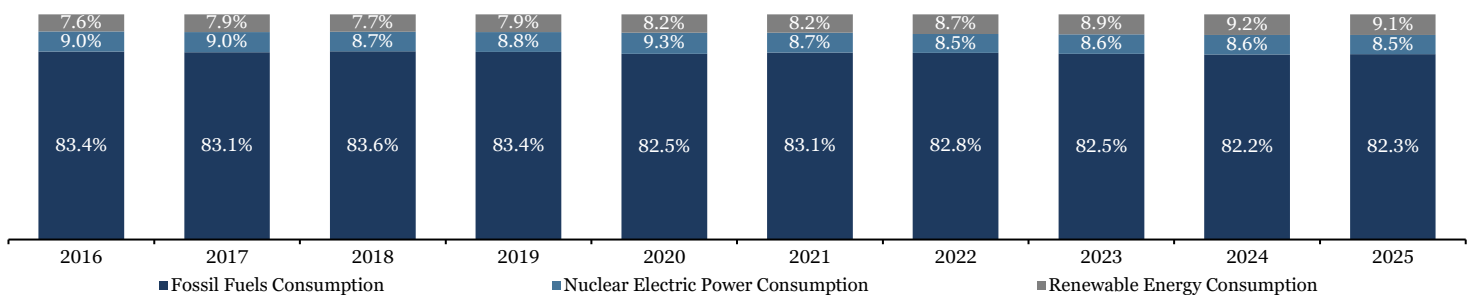


Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization

- According to EIA, U.S. power consumption hit its second straight annual record high at 4,195 billion kWh in 2025, and is projected to increase to 4,268 billion kWh in 2026, and 4,391 billion kWh by 2027. As renewable outputs rise, the share of renewable power generation will rise from ~24% in 2025 to 27% in 2027
- Besides, renewable energy consumption in U.S. increased from ~7.6% of total energy consumption in 2016 to ~9.1% in 2025. Simultaneously, electrification, strict efficiency regulations, and decarbonization initiatives are driving demand for HVAC upgrades, electric infrastructure modernization, and efficient retrofits across commercial and industrial facilities

Primary Energy Consumption by Source

(Quadrillion Btu)



Source: [U.S. Energy Information Administration - Total energy consumption of renewable and nonrenewable energy sources](#)

Growth in Total Construction Spending in U.S.

Total construction spending in U.S. during April 2026 reached a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of ~\$2,172B, clocking a ~1% growth compared to the April 2025 construction spending of ~\$2,153B



Public construction spending clocked an all-time high in April 2026, with a SAAR of ~\$532B, and year-over-year growth recorded across nearly all major public construction categories

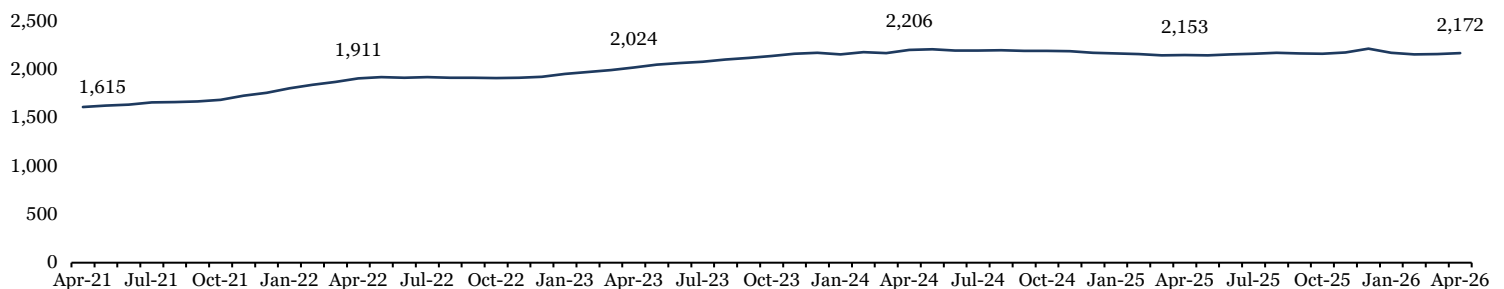


New-age themes—including AI-driven infrastructure, grid modernization, and mission-critical facilities development—continue to drive construction activity, thereby leading to sustained demand for the MEP contracting services



Total Construction Spending in U.S.

\$ Billions



Source: [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis - Value of Construction Put in Place](#)

Note - Only April construction spending data (monthly) has been labeled for visual clarity. Y-axis is outlined to facilitate interpretation of construction spending trends.

Skilled Labor Shortages Enhance Pricing Power, Create Entry Barriers, And Drive Higher Valuation Multiples

By The Numbers - Skilled Labor Shortage



Aging Workforce

- According to the FMJ Magazine, over 68% of facility operators and technicians in the U.S. are above the age of 45, and 21% remain active beyond retirement
- With older employees possessing deep knowledge, skills, and experience, there could be material business continuity risks over the next 5 to 15 years



Urgent Need for Skilled Workforce

- Mordor Intelligence reports that the U.S. MEP services market faces a shortage of ~650,000 skilled workers, as firms compete for a shrinking pool of experienced talent
- Mechanical contractors in the Midwest report a 68% difficulty in filling positions, thereby compelling 49% of firms to decline projects



Demand-Supply Talent Gap

- McKinsey analyzed 12 trade job categories (including maintenance technicians), and estimated an imbalance of 20 job openings for every one net new employee through 2032
- McKinsey notes that the extraordinary rate of churn in skilled trades could cost companies \$5.3+ B annually in hiring and training

Key Takeaways



Labor shortages lead to operational risks

Skilled labor shortages lead to time-to-hire delays, elevated workload on remaining staff, extended preventive maintenance schedules, and heightened risk of downtime or safety incidents



Scalability drives pricing power for differentiated players

Differentiated MEP firms with deep regional talent benches can command higher pricing on time-sensitive projects while minimizing operational complexity through workforce leverage



Pricing power allows established firms to shift wage inflation to project owners

Established MEP contractors with employee pools can pass along rising labor costs to commercial and residential end users, while those ignoring talent shortages face margin compression



Talent retention becomes a key valuation differentiator

MEP firms with structured training programs, competitive compensation, and retention strategies will outperform competitors, as the \$5.3B+ annual churn cost in skilled trades intensifies through 2032

Skilled Labor Deficit
Barrier to entry



Pricing Leverage
MEP players with large employee pools



Valuation Premium
Premium EBITDA and other valuation multiples



Digital Transformation And Evolving Regulations Reinforce Competitive Advantages

Digital Transformation in the Industry



Large Data-Driven Projects

- Large-scale projects like data centers, semiconductor fabs, healthcare campuses, and energy facilities increasingly favor scaled MEP contractors with proven execution capabilities
- MEP contractors that have invested in preconstruction, fabrication capacity, and field operations are gaining market share, compared to their small and mid-market competitors



Building Information Modeling (BIM)

- Building Information Modeling (BIM) has evolved from a differentiator to an industry standard for identifying spatial conflicts between mechanical, electrical, and plumbing paths
- Adoption of BIM is accelerating design efficiency and improving project execution. A 2023 survey in U.S. showed that 74% contractors, 67% engineers, and 70% architects leveraged BIM



Investments in Tracking Shop

- MEP contractors are increasingly deploying shop-floor tracking systems to monitor fabrication throughput, material flow, and delivery performance in real time
- As firms adopt manufacturing-style workflows, data-driven visibility is improving forecast accuracy, schedule adherence, and margin performance, supporting more scalable operations

Key Regulations

NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, 2026 Edition



- The code codifies the minimum requirements for safe electrical wiring, grounding, overcurrent protection, and equipment installation
- Released by the National Fire Protection Association, the 2026 edition of NFPA 70 clarifies technical layouts, addresses higher voltage standards, and smart-grid interfaces.

ASHRAE Standard 90.1, 2025 Edition



- ASHRAE Standard 90.1 is the baseline code for energy efficiency in commercial building design
- The 2025 iteration introduces strict energy-monitoring rules; sets tighter limits on thermal leakages, and HVAC power draw; and introduces new provisions for EV spaces

ASHRAE Standard 62.1 (Ventilation), 2025 Edition



- Regulatory blueprint for designing, installing, and operating ventilation systems in commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings
- The 2025 update introduces stricter Demand Control Ventilation (DCV) mandates and emergency ventilation controls to manage building operations and external smoke events

AIM Act of 2020



- Enacted in 2020, the Act mandates the phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), used in HVACR systems, to 15% of historic baseline levels by 2036
- Bans the use of high-Global Warming Potential (GWP) HFCs in aerosol, foam, and refrigeration/air conditioning equipment, where low-GWP alternatives are available, and sets subsector-specific GWP limits



Business Impact

Public Market Trading Multiples

(\$ in millions, other than stock price)												
06/30/26 YoY Market Total					LTM		Gross	EBITDA	Net Debt/	EV/LTM		
Company	Stock Price	Price Δ	Cap.	EV ⁽¹⁾	Revenue	EBITDA	Margin	Margin	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	
Pure-Play MEP Contractors	 COMFORT SYSTEMS USA	1,735	280%	60,969	60,324	8,791	1,506	25%	17%	NM	NM	NM
	 EMCOR Build. Power. Service. Protect.	726	59%	32,281	31,932	15,392	1,605	19%	10%	NM	2.1x	19.9x
	 LIMBACH	67	(44%)	803	857	566	55	25%	10%	0.9x	1.5x	15.7x
	 IES Empowering Growth	643	155%	12,812	12,680	3,151	416	26%	13%	NM	4.0x	30.5x
	Median ⁽²⁾										2.1x	19.9x
Diversified MEP Consultants	AECOM	61	(36%)	7,852	10,048	13,865	1,108	8%	8%	1.6x	0.7x	9.1x
	Jacobs	110	(1%)	13,023	15,804	11,436	890	23%	8%	2.8x	1.4x	17.8x
	 TETRA TECH	25	(17%)	6,563	7,339	3,822	573	22%	15%	1.2x	1.9x	12.8x
	 PARSONS	46	(25%)	4,906	6,224	5,465	454	23%	8%	2.3x	1.1x	13.7x
	Median ⁽²⁾										1.3x	13.3x
Power and Specialty Infra Contractors	 QUANTA	630	96%	94,576	99,874	26,124	2,306	15%	9%	1.4x	3.8x	NM
	 MasTec	364	151%	28,404	30,913	13,253	1,043	13%	8%	1.2x	2.3x	29.6x
	 DYCOM	443	113%	13,290	15,435	5,314	701	20%	13%	2.7x	2.9x	22.0x
	 MYR GROUP	438	183%	6,820	6,731	3,317	227	12%	7%	NM	2.0x	29.7x
	 Argan, Inc.	699	272%	9,799	8,955	888	135	21%	15%	NM	NM	NM
	Median ⁽²⁾										2.6x	29.6x

Source: Pitchbook, S&P Capital IQ

(1) EV ("Enterprise Value") is defined as market capitalization plus net debt, preferred equity, and minority interest

(2) Median values exclude all non-meaningful values—EV/Revenue greater than 5.0x, and EV/EBITDA greater than 40.0x

Date	Target	Acquiror	Target Description
30-Jun-26	PayneCrest Electric	Primoris Services (NYS: PRIM)	Provider of electrical networking and systems integration services to specialize in the design, installation, operation, and configuration of automation and monitoring systems
16-Jun-26	Climate Engineering and Centennial Controls	Harris Pacific Northwest	Provider of mechanical contracting and building automation services intended to optimize building performance and operational efficiency
01-Jun-26	R.E. Warner & Associates	ISG (Commercial Services)	Provider of multidisciplinary engineering, HVAC, architecture, and surveying services for the power and utility industry, government, commercial, metal, and chemical industries
27-May-26	Valley Electric Company	MYR Group (NAS: MYRG)	Provider of electrical contracting services catering to the commercial, residential, industrial, and transportation industries
20-May-26	Bain Heat and Air	Mid-Town Plumbing	Offers HVAC services, HVAC repairs, HVAC replacements, HVAC installations, furnace services, heat pump services, and more
01-May-26	Oasis Heating & Cooling	Fix-It Group	Provides HVAC services to commercial and residential customers, offering HVAC repair, installation and electrical repair services
30-Apr-26	Valley Mechanical Solutions	AK Water Works	Provider of HVAC services for homeowners throughout Ohio; offering residential heating, cooling, and refrigeration services
22-Apr-26	True Blue Mechanical	Rocket Group (Consulting Services)	Provider of heating, cooling, indoor air quality, and water heating services intended to support consistent indoor operation across changing conditions
06-Apr-26	Colvin Engineering Associates	Lynk Engineers	Provider of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing services focused on low-energy designs, high-efficiency systems, and smart building technologies
02-Apr-26	S E & M Constructors	Everus Construction Group (NYS: ECG)(Jeffrey Thiede)	Full-service mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractor offering certified electrical, HVAC, plumbing, energy, process piping services, inspections, testing, among others
25-Mar-26	Mechanical Systems Technology	Sylvester & Cockrum	Provider of HVAC installation and maintenance services to serve commercial, industrial, and residential sectors
12-Mar-26	Air Comfort Service	Helios HVACR Services	Provides HVAC services to commercial, industrial, and residential clients; offering air conditioning, heating, plumbing, and commercial kitchen equipment installation services
27-Feb-26	Prime Specialty Contracting	Tweet-Garot Mechanical	Offers commercial & residential HVAC, mechanical, plumbing, pipe fitting, heating, process piping, and mechanical systems services, cooling, and fabrication services
01-Feb-26	JED Heating and Cooling	Century Mechanical Holdings	Offers installation, repair, and maintenance of heating equipment, cooling systems, ventilation units, indoor air quality services, and related HVAC work
02-Jan-26	Bowers	Legence (NAS: LGN)	Provider of mechanical contracting services intended to serve commercial, institutional, and mission-critical facilities across Maryland
18-Dec-25	Critical Components	Concentric.	Provider of critical power and precision cooling services intended to keep business operational during power outages and protect against power disruptions
12-Dec-25	JA Development	Suntex Enterprises (OTCM: SNTX)	Offers home renovations, electrical services, HVAC, insulation services, plumbing services, and fencing, enabling clients to maintain efficiency, safety, and structural integrity
08-Dec-25	Haddad Engineering	MSA Professional Services	Provider of electrical and mechanical engineering services in Jacksonville, Florida; specializing in designing electrical, mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, and fire protection systems
02-Dec-25	Nobel Air	Cpm Air	Provider of residential HVAC contractor and testing services, from routine maintenance to complex installations, in Massachusetts
19-Nov-25	Jersey State Energy Controls	Stark Tech Operating Company	Provider of HVAC services in Brick, New Jersey, including HVAC controls, DDC system installation, remote alarm monitoring, and control system design among other services

Source: Pitchbook, S&P Capital IQ

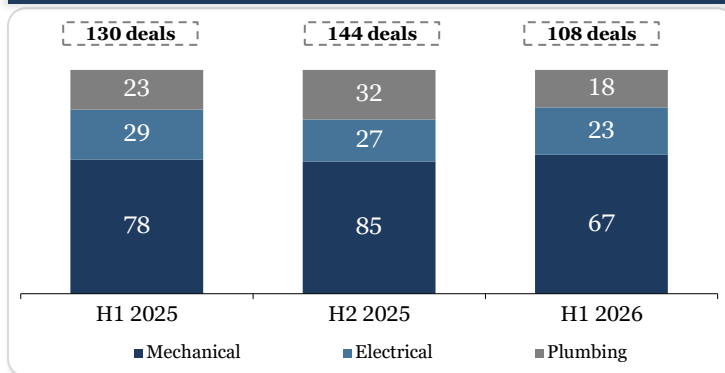
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29-Jun-26	CJones Plumbing	High Street Capital, Ironwood Capital, Pinnacle Contracting Services	Provider of plumbing services for functional plumbing systems; offering new plumbing installations, water main installation, plumbing pipe repairs, among others
24-Jun-26	Superior Building Services	Exigent Services, Huron Capital	Provider of HVAC services including boiler repair, chiller maintenance, cooling tower service, and pumping system maintenance with climate control and equipment efficiency
19-Jun-26	Manhattan Welding	Morgan Stanley (NYS: MS)	Provider of boiler and burner services for commercial and residential heating systems; it offers mechanical contracting, boiler maintenance, heating system installation, among others
16-Jun-26	Simply Cooling, Heating & Plumbing	FoW Partners, ResiXperts	Provider of HVAC and plumbing services for residential purposes; it offers air conditioning repair, furnace installation, heat pump maintenance, plumbing leak repair, among others
12-Jun-26	HBC Company	CAI Capital Partners, GreenArrow (Infrastructure)	Provider of electrical contracting and engineering services intended for infrastructure development and electrical reliability
11-Jun-26	Mechanical Service & Systems	Partners Group (SWX: PGHN), PremiStar	Offers HVAC installation, plumbing systems, boiler service, building automation, preventative maintenance, and mechanical retrofits to commercial and industrial clients
05-Jun-26	Comfort Indoor Solutions	FirstCall Group, SkyKnight Capital	Provider of HVAC services to maintain indoor comfort, including emergency repair availability and energy efficiency optimization with consistent climate control
05-Jun-26	Jake's Heating, Air & Plumbing	Flint Group (Kansas City), General Atlantic, Kinderhook Partners	Specializes in heating, air conditioning, plumbing, and water heater services, to provide clients with installation, repair, and maintenance services for climate control and water systems
01-Jun-26	Air Balancing Engineers	Integra Testing Services, Keystone Capital Management	Provider of HVAC testing and balancing services for the commercial industry, including hydronic balancing, building system commissioning, and ductwork leak testing
27-May-26	Air Around The Clock	Flint Group (Kansas City), General Atlantic, Kinderhook Partners	Provider of HVAC and plumbing services, including air conditioning units, heating systems, plumbing repairs, whole home generators, and gas line installation, among others
18-May-26	Standard Maintenance Company	Broadwing Capital Management, Davidson Kempner Capital Management, Upchurch	Provider of industrial contracting services for process equipment and piping management, including mechanical contracting, equipment relocations, maintenance, repair, boiler services, among other services
12-May-26	A. Hattersley & Sons	Foundral, McNally Capital	Provider of mechanical contracting, HVAC, plumbing, and energy infrastructure services intended to support commercial and industrial facilities across the U.S.
07-May-26	Ireland Electric Corporation	Heartwood Partners, Norlee Group	Provider of commercial and industrial electrical contracting services intended for businesses and industrial facilities
07-May-26	Samm's Heating & Air Conditioning	SAS Service Partners, Storr Group	Offers air conditioning repair, furnace installation, indoor air quality management, and preventive maintenance services, to help maintain climate control and energy efficiency
05-May-26	Air Hawk Heating and Cooling	Concentric Equity Partners, Leap Service Partners	Provider of air conditioning repairs, heating system installations, and air purification, among others, to maintain climate control in residential and commercial properties
04-May-26	Brothers Plumbing, Heating & Electric	Altas Partners, Redwood Services, Union Main Group	Provides plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical, drain, and water heater services, to enable residential and commercial property owners to access immediate on-site repairs
04-May-26	Sierra Platform	Altas Partners, Redwood Services, Union Main Group	Provider of plumbing services, water quality assessments, water heater services, and zoning systems for industrial and commercial applications
22-Apr-26	Glaenger Electric	Heritage Holding	Offers electrical installation, system design, preventative maintenance, specialized lighting solutions, generator deployment, and emergency repair services
21-Apr-26	Armistead Mechanical	Partners Group (SWX: PGHN), PremiStar	Provider of mechanical construction services for industrial piping systems, enabling industrial and commercial clients to manage complex mechanical installations
07-Apr-26	Ballard Natural Gas Services	Fix-It Group, Two Parks Capital	Provider of HVAC and electrical services; it offers installation, maintenance, repair, duct cleaning, indoor air quality improvement, and energy-efficient upgrades

Source: Pitchbook, S&P Capital IQ

Active Deal Landscape

- U.S. MEP contracting M&A activity moderated to 108 deals in H1 2026, compared to 144 deals in H2 2025
- Mechanical contracting remains the most active subsector with ~62% of deal volume in H1 2026 (67 of 108 deals), underscoring investor preference for mechanical services platforms
- Electrical contracting deal activity remained resilient, while plumbing contracting deals experienced a pronounced moderation
- Despite lower volumes, strategic acquirers and financial sponsors remain active MEP participants, supported by infrastructure investment, labor scarcity, and building modernization demand

Deal Volume by Subsector



Visible Tailwinds Enable Growth Opportunities for Investors

Highly Fragmented Market

Helps sponsors acquire smaller 'add-ons' at lower multiples, to integrate into a platform

Defensive Cash Flows

MEP firms emphasize on service, maintenance, and repair contracts

Cost Pass-Through

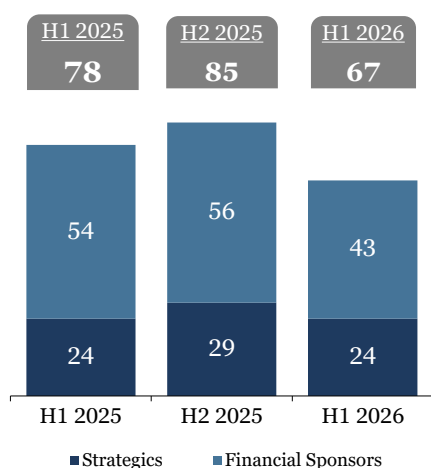
As these services are essential, firms can pass rising material and labor costs to end customers

Technology Upside

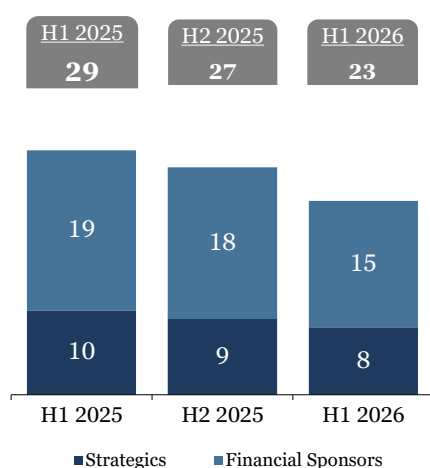
Investors see an immediate opportunity by deploying modern field-service software

Deal Volume By Buyers

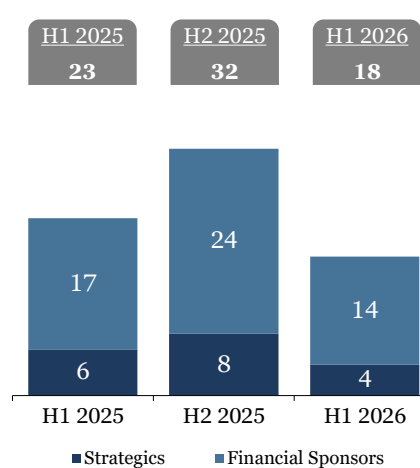
Mechanical Contracting



Electrical Contracting



Plumbing Contracting



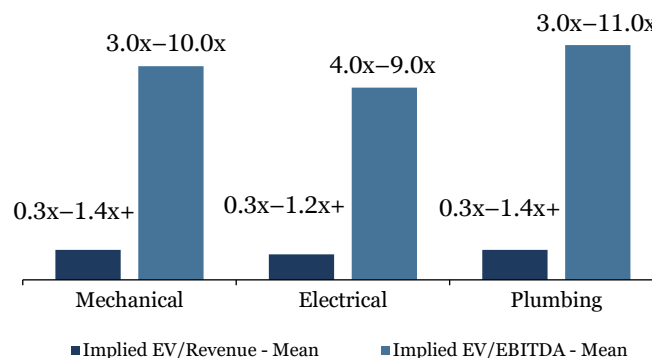
Source: Pitchbook, S&P Capital IQ

Note - The deal count includes M&A and PE (and add-ons). Total deal count for corresponding semi-annual period mentioned in the textbox

Resilient Deal Activity

- Deal activity in the U.S. MEP contracting industry remains resilient, with consolidators executing buy-and-build roll-ups
- Driven by a fragmented market of founder-led firms, infrastructure backlogs, and green-building demand, financial sponsors are pouring record capital into the U.S. MEP sector, and vastly outbidding strategic buyers in this market
- PE firms are targeting MEP firms with design-build expertise, engineering-led offerings, and strong positions in high-growth end markets such as data centers, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing
- MEP contractors generating 50%+ of revenue from maintenance, service, and repairs command significant valuation premiums

Reported Valuation Multiples



Sources: [CT Acquisitions - Sell Your HVAC Business in 2026](#); [QuickReadBuzz - HVAC Business Valuation Considerations: Beyond Heating and Cooling](#)

Valuation Benchmarks Across MEP Contractor Categories and End-Markets

HVAC/Mechanical Contractor

6x-10x EBITDA

PE-backed operators with strong recurring revenue from service agreements

3x-6x EBITDA

Sole-operator and owner-operated HVAC businesses

Electrical Contractor | Above \$5 M revenue

7x-9x EBITDA

Specialty (Data center / EV / Solar)

6x-8x EBITDA

Commercial service-recurring contracts

4x-5x EBITDA

New construction-dependent

Plumbing Contractor

6x-11x EBITDA

Well-run and growth-oriented plumbing platforms

3x-8x EBITDA

Tuck-in add-ons with varying quality and recurring-revenue mix

Recent Transactions in the U.S. MEP Contracting Industry

May-2026



acquired by



\$328.0 M

May-2026



acquired by



\$220.0 M

Apr-2026



acquired by



\$158.0 M

Mar-2026



acquired by



\$422.0 M

Jan-2026



acquired by



\$475.0 M

Dec-2025



acquired by



\$1,995.9 M

Feb-2025



acquired by



\$876.8 M

Buyer Snapshot



Financing: PE-Backed Company
HQ: Draper, UT
Website: www.kelso-industries.com



Financing: Corporation
HQ: Houston, TX
Website: www.comfortsystemsusa.com



Financing: Corporation
HQ: San Jose, CA
Website: www.wearelegence.com



Financing: Corporation
HQ: Norwalk, CT
Website: www.emcorgroup.com



Financing: PE-Backed Company
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Financing: Corporation
HQ: Warrendale, PA
Website: www.limbachinc.com

Overview

- Provider of HVACR installation and maintenance services for industrial, commercial, and institutional clients
- Offers installation, maintenance, replacement, and repair for heating/AC systems, gas piping, dryer vent cleaning, and custom duct systems

- Provides comprehensive mechanical contracting services; plumbing; piping & controls; construction; and electrical components
- Operates in two segments—mechanical and electrical services—with mechanical services accounting for a majority of the business

- Provides engineering, installation and maintenance services for mission-critical systems in buildings
- Designing, fabricating and installing complex HVAC in new facilities, and upgrading HVAC and building controls in existing facilities

- Specialty contractor for electrical and mechanical construction, facilities services, building services, and industrial services
- Serves a broad range of commercial, technology, industrial, healthcare, utility and institutional customers through ~100 operating subsidiaries

- Commercial and industrial field services holding company partnering with leading family- and founder-owned service providers to support long-term goals
- Offers heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and plumbing services through its market-leading businesses

- Specialty contractor in HVAC, plumbing, and electric for the construction of buildings, maintenance services, energy retrofits, and equipment upgrades
- Operates in two segments—General Contractor Relationships (GCR) and Owner Direct Relationships (ODR)

Select Recent Acquisitions



Heating/cooling system repair, lighting installation, air purifier setup, and furnace maintenance, among others



Offers electrical contracting, fire alarm systems, structured cabling, automation, and 24/7 emergency support



Offers design, construction, low-voltage, audiovisual, and electrical contracting services



Offers power distribution and substations, industrial control systems, energy security, fiber networks, among other services



Mechanical contracting services to serve mission-critical facilities across Maryland



Specializes in preconstruction services, prefabrication, pipefitting, mechanical, plumbing, and specialty services



Project development, system design, installation, energy solutions and maintenance for HVACR and plumbing systems



Provider of electrical contracting services in high-growth areas across the Southeastern U.S.



Provides general contracting and commercial services for installation and repair fixes



Integrated building services to specialize in mechanical, energy, water, fire and life safety, security and construction solutions



Provides mechanical contracting services to data centers, food, healthcare, renewables, and government education markets



Provider of full-service mechanical contractor services intended to serve industrial, power, and commercial markets

Buyer Snapshot

Overview

Select Recent Acquisitions

PACELINE

Founded: 2018
HQ: Dallas, TX
Website: www.pacelineequity.com

- Focus on value-oriented and special situations investments across real assets, corporate debt, and private equity
- Employs a contrarian approach by identifying trends ahead of the market



Electrical contracting services, including design, installation, diagnostics, repair and maintenance



Heating/cooling system repair, lighting installation, air purifier setup, and furnace maintenance, among others

OXBOW

Founded: 2021
HQ: Salt Lake City, UT
Website: www.oxbowequity.com

- Partnering with entrepreneurs to build businesses that provide essential services
- Invests in businesses operating in fragmented markets with an opportunity to grow through both organic and inorganic models



Mechanical contracting and building systems services for precision-engineered MEP



Offers electrical contracting, fire alarm systems, structured cabling, automation, and 24/7 emergency support

ALPINE

Founded: 2001
HQ: San Francisco, CA
Website: www.alpineinvestors.com

- Specializes in recurring revenue models across software and services markets
- Invest in the software, business services, consumer services, healthcare, and media, among other sectors



Provider of HVAC, plumbing, electrical contracting, roofing, and duct cleaning, among other commercial services



HVAC contracting firm to serve DuPage County and surrounding areas

PETERSON PARTNERS

Founded: 2003
HQ: Salt Lake City, UT
Website: www.petersonpartners.com

- Focus on growth, buyouts, and co-investments, targeting companies with strong leadership
- Sectors include business services, software, internet, retail, consumer healthcare, transport, industrial, and technology, among others



Heating/cooling system repair, lighting installation, air purifier setup, and furnace maintenance, among others



Mechanical contracting and building systems services for precision-engineered MEP



Founded: 2009
HQ: New York, NY
Website: www.aterianpartners.com

- Targets underperformers, turnarounds, unique situations, and operationally intensive middle-market businesses
- Partners with management to optimize processes, upgrade technology, invest in equipment, and support strategic positioning



Electrical contracting services serving markets in South Bend and surrounding areas



Electrical contractor offering EV charging stations, energy efficiency construction, among other services



Founded: 1999
HQ: Detroit, MI
Website: www.huroncapital.com

- Focused on control investments in the lower middle-market with 275+ acquisitions since the firm's inception
- Employs the thematic buy-and-build approach, while bringing together its sector focus, deep industry relationships, and committed capital



Provider of commercial electrical contracting services in Scottsdale, Arizona



Offers installation, maintenance, repair of air conditioning, refrigeration, among other services

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 M&A Preparation		

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 Operational Review	

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