

About Matthew Kibbon

Matthew Kibbon grew up in Hampton, Nebraska. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management from Wayne State College and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. With over ten years of experience overseeing complex facilities operations in higher education, Matthew has developed robust expertise in the field.

Matthew began his career as a carpenter during his undergraduate summers. After graduation, he joined Kiewit Building Group in Omaha and spent twelve years constructing vertical building projects in Omaha and Lincoln.

From 2013 to 2020, Matthew managed the capital construction portfolio for higher education facilities in Wyoming. Initially employed by the State of Wyoming, he was then recruited to the University of Wyoming. At the state level, he served as the owner's representative and project liaison to the State Building Commission for community college projects. At the University of Wyoming, Matthew managed new construction projects totaling \$250M and an additional \$300M in design, collaborating closely with various stakeholders, including faculty, staff, deans, administration, the board of trustees facilities committee, and legislators.

In May 2020, seeking broader responsibilities, Matthew became the City Administrator for North Platte, NE. This role offered a comprehensive understanding of municipal department management. He worked with the North Platte Area Chamber and Development Corporation on economic development, including securing TIF financing for major projects such as Sustainable Beef, which is estimated to have a \$1.0B economic impact.

Matthew's passion for higher education facilities management led him to Cleveland State University in 2022, where he served as the Associate Vice President for Facilities. Although this role was rewarding, the Cleveland area was not the right fit for his family. In January, he became the Vice President for Finance and Facilities/Chief Financial Officer at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. As a member of the President's cabinet, he is a trusted advisor on facilities, real estate, and financial matters.

Matthew is now eager to bring his expertise to the University of North Dakota, drawn by its strong commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement. UND's reputation for collaborative and interdisciplinary work is particularly appealing to him. He thrives in environments that encourage cross-departmental cooperation and is excited about contributing to such a vibrant academic community. The opportunity to manage facilities at an esteemed institution like UND, which values continuous improvement and the contributions of its facilities management team, is a compelling and career-defining opportunity for Matthew.