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Construction Project Update
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The concrete slab on grade was placed for all three buildings in two placements beginning at 3AM. During the hot summer months in Tucson, large concrete placements with significant surface areas are scheduled to begin early in the morning when the outside temperature is cooler. This ensures quality control and proper curing of the concrete.
Now that the floor slabs have been placed, the masonry walls are being erected. The masonry walls will make up most of the structure in the multi-purpose and meditation buildings. On the other hand, the office building will have a steel structure, so the masonry walls are designed to absorb the shear (side to side) forces in the building.

Keep up with the project in real-time by looking at the live footage on the UA PDC website.
This month we celebrated Construction Inclusion Week (Oct. 17-21) on site beginning with a Monday morning safety meeting and ending with a lunch and learn on Friday.
Masonry is one of the most environmentally-friendly building materials: it has a lifespan of hundreds of years; it does not emit any toxins or gasses; and it is easily recyclable.