

## Workforce Development Training

### MANAGEMENT & SAFETY EDUCATION

ABC helps construction professionals stay on top of the latest management and safety issues to comply with industry standards and OSHA regulations, in turn maximizes efficiency, productivity, profitability & reduces on-the-job accidents and worker compensation costs.

### APPRENTICESHIP & CRAFT TRAINING

ABC offers training for specific trades ranging from single classes to four-year apprenticeship programs. Training is offered in trades such as carpentry, electrical, instrumentation, pipefitting, plumbing, sheet metal, & welding.

### SCHOOL TO CAREER PARTNERSHIP

High school students can enroll in New Orleans/Bayou Chapter evening training classes . . . the first step toward a valuable learning experienced, sponsored employment, and increased earning potential upon graduation.

## External Relations

To stay competitive, contractors are looking for a way to improve productivity and profitability. Each week, hundreds of construction owners, contractors, & subs visit our website and contact our office for information to help them run their business. No other construction association offers a similar referral program that actively finds work for its member companies.

- ABC Louisiana Member Directory
- Bayou in Brief eNewsletter
- Chapter website filled with current info & late-breaking news
- Construction Executive magazine
- Marketing Opportunities via the Annual Sponsorship Program
- Member Project Referrals
- Contractor Referral Service ([findcontractors.com](http://findcontractors.com))
- Personal Contact with other members & Chapter staff

## Networking Opportunities

### 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 10 (ST)	Board of Directors Installation Banquet
February 17 (T)	"Bull & Oysters" Bayou ICC Kickoff
March 19 (TH)	Member Crawfish Boil
April 2 (TH)	Member After-Hours
April 20 (M)	President's Cup Golf Tournament
May 1 (F)	High School Craft Competition
May 6 (W)	Merit Shop Chapter PAC Fundraiser
June 18 (TH)	Training Campus Commencement
June 27-28	ABC Louisiana Chapter Fishing Rodeo (TBC)
July 28-August 1	ABC Louisiana Chapter State Convention
August 19 (W)	Rock-N-Bowl
September 26 (ST)	Jambalaya Cook-off
October 30 (F)	Educational Trust SUPER RAFFLE
November 18 (W)	EIC Awards Banquet
December 17 (TH)	Member Holiday After-Hours

Please check our website ([www.abcbayou.org](http://www.abcbayou.org)) for times, locations & registration information on each event!

### 2009 CHAPTER STANDING COMMITTEES

Apprenticeship & Craft Training  
Government Affairs  
Management & Safety Education  
Membership  
Merit PAC  
Programs & Communication  
Women's Forum

## Legislative Advocacy

ABC's Government Affairs staff & consultants, one of the most effective in the country, actively work with all levels of the federal government to represent members' interests. Fortune magazine recognized ABC's efforts by naming it one of the "most influential" organizations in the U.S.

Member activities include (but not limited to):

- Local, State, & National government representation
- Grassroots Initiative: "Get Into Politics or Get Out of Business"
- ABC Political Action Committee (PAC)
- VoterVoice watch & notification on current legislative issues
- Annual ABC Legislative Conference in D.C.
- Annual ABC Day at the Legislature in Baton Rouge

## Labor Relations & Legal Assistance

ABC members can receive some of the best legal assistance that is available in the construction industry. ABC's legal program advances the Merit Shop principles, resulting in a stronger industry, and helps ABC members with practical advice when they need it.

- Access to immediate legal advice on labor issues
- Seminars on Legal Rights & Labor Issues
- Updates on changes in labor law
- Construction Legal Rights Foundation
- Attorney's Conference

## Business Affinity Programs

ABC offers members a number of affinity programs. These programs offer special discounts and membership rates. Some participating companies include:

ABC Merit Choice (Health Insurance)  
Enterprise Fleet Service (Vehicle Lease Incentives)  
FedEx (Discounted Shipping)  
F.W. Dodge (10% discount on services)  
GM (Discounts on company vehicles)  
MBNA (Special Member Services)  
McGraw-Hill (Construction Publications)  
Williams Scotsman (Job-site Trailer Discounts)  
Shell (Company fuel purchase discounts)

