



Illinois Chapter

MERIT UPDATE

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ABC MEETS WITH OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO DISCUSS PLA EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ABC, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, MAY 21 MET WITH SENIOR OBAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DISCUSS THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF EXPANDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S USE OF GOVERNMENT MANDATED UNION-ONLY PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (PLA), AS DIRECTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 13502.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13502, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA FEB 6, ENCOURAGES FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REQUIRE THE USE OF GOVERNMENT MANDATED PLAS ON FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WORTH MORE THAN \$25 MILLION. THE ORDER ALSO REPEALED PRESIDENT BUSH’S EXECUTIVE ORDER 13202 WHICH PROHIBITED FEDERAL AGENCIES AND RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL FUNDING FROM REQUIRING CONTRACTORS TO SIGN PLAS. SECTION 7 OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTS FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF BROADER USE OF GOVERNMENT MANDATED PLAS ON FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WOULD PROMOTE THE ECONOMICAL, EFFICIENT AND TIMELY COMPLETION OF FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

DURING THE MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ABC, ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ROUND TABLE WERE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES ABOUT THE USE OF PLAS ON GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PROJECTS AND THE IMPACT THEY HAVE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS AND TAXPAYERS.

“WE WERE PLEASED OT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND BEGIN AN OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS EXPANDING THE USE OF PLAS WOULD HAVE ON FAIR, FREE AND OPEN COMPETITION ON FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS,” SAID JERRY GORSKI, 2009 ABC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF GORSKI ENGINEERING, INC., COLLEGEVILLE, PA., WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING. “IT’S IMPORTANT FOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNMENT MANDATED PLAS WILL UNNECESSARILY INCREASE THE COST OF FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND DISCOURAGE 85 PERCENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY THAT CHOOSE NOT TO BELONG TO A UNION FROM COMPETING FOR THESE CONTRACTS.

“ABC WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE EVERYONE—including MERIT SHOP CONTRACTORS—HAS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE ON FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DURING A TIME WHEN THE NATION IS STILL SHEDDING JOBS AND GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK IS A TOP PRIORITY,” GORSKI SAID.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PLAS AND NEWS ABOUT EXECUTIVE ORDER 13502, VISIT THETRUTHABOUTPLAS.COM

SOURCE: ABC NEWSLINE

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SENATE BILL 43 DEFEATED

ABCIL ALONG WITH OTHER LIKE MINDED ASSOCIATIONS, GROUPS, AND ORGANIZATIONS FOUGHT LONG AND HARD TO DEFEAT SB43 A BILL THAT IF PASSED WOULD HAVE EXPANDED PREVAILING WAGE INTO TIF DISTRICTS AND ENTERPRISE ZONES THUS KILLING JOBS AND FURTHER STALLING AN ALREADY SUFFERING ECONOMY. HOWEVER ABCIL WILL REMAIN VIGILANT DURING VETO SESSION AND NEXT YEAR'S CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS ORGANIZED LABOR DOES NOT GIVE US EASILY! WE FULLY EXPECT THIS ISSUE TO RESURFACE AT SOME POINT.

THANK YOU TO ALL ABCIL MEMBERS WHO WROTE LETTERS, MADE PHONE CALLS, ATTENDED LOBBY DAY, ETC, EXPRESSING THEIR OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATORS REGARDING THIS TERRIBLE BILL.



WELCOME ABCIL'S NEWEST MEMBERS

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ABCIL'S ANNUAL CHICAGOLAND GOLF OUTING



COST:

- ⇒ INDIVIDUAL GOLF & DINNER \$165
- ⇒ FOURSOME GOLF & DINNER \$600,
- ⇒ DINNER ONLY \$40

COST INCLUDES:

- ⇒ GREEN FEES
- ⇒ LUNCH
- ⇒ ALL BEVERAGES AND ITEMS FROM THE BEVERAGE CART/KEG HOLE
- ⇒ DINNER BUFFET
- ⇒ ONE HOUR OPEN BAR AT DINNER
- ⇒ DOOR PRIZES

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

PRESENTING SPONSOR
\$2,000

T-SHIRT SPONSOR
\$2,000

DINNER SPONSOR \$1,000

BEVERAGE CART
SPONSOR: \$600 EACH (2
AVAILABLE)

DOOR PRIZE SPONSOR \$500
EACH (4 AVAILABLE)

HOLE SPONSOR \$ 250
(18 AVAILABLE)

KEG HOLE SPONSOR \$200

CONTEST HOLE SPONSOR
\$100 PLUS GIFT FOR
CONTEST WINNER

GOODIE BAG
SPONSOR PRODUCT ONLY

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JUNE 5, 2009

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER COMPLIANCE WEBINAR: THE SECRETS AND INSIGHTS REVEALED!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS VERY INFORMATIVE WEBINAR PRESENTED BY JEFF RISCH, ABC CHAPTER LABOR ATTORNEY. THE WEBINAR IS JUNE 5TH STARTING AT 7:30 A.M. AND GOING UNTIL 9:00 A.M. JEFF WILL BE TOUCHING ON THE TOPICS OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS, IDOT'S TAKE, PREVAILING WAGE UPDATE, ETC. THE BEST PART...IT'S FREE! TO REGISTER AND GET LOGIN INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT KARI AT 217-523-4692 OR BY EMAIL AT KARI@ABCIL.ORG

JUNE 18, 2009

2009 GRADUATION

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR 2009 GRADUATES AT BELVEDERE BANQUETS, 1170 W. DEVON . ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7:00PM. COST: \$30.00 (GRADUATES FREE) SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: SEAN RAUSA, 2000 ELECTRICAL GRADUATE, BATTAGLIA INDUSTRIES, INC.

ABCIL WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE: DANNY AGGERTT, NOE ALVERZ, DANIEL AMBROSINI, BENJAMIN BARTUSIAK, JOHN BECKER, ERIK BRANDENBURG, RICHARD BYERS, ANTHONY CAPPARELLI, ERIC CARDENAS, MARIANNE CYGAN, VINCENT CZYZ, BRIAN DIVELEY, ROBERT FARRELL, JOHN GROS, ARUTRO GUADARRAMA, DREW HARBECKE, TORRENCE HARBECKE, JONATHAN HERRON, FIELDING KALAS, ROBERT KEEHN, PAWEL KIPTA, CHARLES KLEIN, JOHN KRIETEMEYER, TIM LAVOIE, CRISTINEL MURESAN, TRAVIS NEBEL, STANLEY NIEHOFF, NENAD NIKOLIC, JOHN NORRIS, MICHAEL PARKER, REMI PILAT, TIMOTHY PLOGGER, JAROSLAW POTAPA, JEFF SELBY, ANDREW SHELDON, BRIAN SPENCER, WOJCIECH WAKSMANSKI, JUSTIN WELLS, MIKE WHITLEY, BRANDON WILKEN, CHRIS WHITTICH FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR RESPECTIVE 4-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OF TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT DIANA AT DIANA@ABCIL.ORG

JULY 30, 2009

ABCIL ANNUAL CHICAGOLAND GOLF OUTING

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT PHEASANT RUN RESORT, 4051 EAST MAIN ST. SAINT. CHARLES, IL 60174. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 11:45 AM, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START. DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. (PLEASE SEE THE COST LIST IN THE LEFT MARGIN)

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