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ABC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE OFFERS A CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

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ABC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE JUNE 23-25 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HELP ADVANCE MERIT SHOP INITIATIVES BY GOING ON VISITS TO CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO OFFER A SPECIAL EDUCATION SESSION, "HOW TO EFFECTIVELY LOBBY THE REPRESENTATIVES IN YOUR REGION," WHICH WILL PROVIDE TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR APPROACHING REGIONAL LEGISLATORS, IDENTIFYING REGIONAL ISSUES AND ANALYZING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES' POINTS OF VIEW.

IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANTS WILL HEAR FROM SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER BRIT HUME, SENIOR POLITICAL ANALYST FOR FOX NEWS CHANNEL, WHO WILL DISCUSS THE CURRENT POLITICAL LANDSCAPE AND HOW THE CHANGES WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION MAY AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF CRITICAL ISSUES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY.) AND HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER JOHN BOEHNER (R-OHIO) WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES SUCH AS THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT, OR "CARD CHECK" LEGISLATION; BUSINESS TAX INCREASES; ENERGY POLICY; GREEN JOBS; HEALTH CARE COSTS; AND UNION-ONLY PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.

THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL WHERE THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IS SOLD OUT, BUT ABC MEMBERS WHO WANT TO JOIN THEIR PEERS AT THE EVENT CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS AT THE WASHINGTON MARRIOTT OR THE EMBASSY SUITES CONVENTION CENTER. BOTH HOTELS ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE ABC NATIONAL OFFICE CAN TAKE A TOUR FROM 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

TO REGISTER FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT AND ALTERNATE HOTEL OPTIONS, VISIT [WWW.ABC.ORG/LEGCON](http://www.abc.org/legcon). TO SIGN UP FOR A TOUR OF THE ABC NATIONAL OFFICE, CONTACT MUHAMMAD CHOWHAN AT ABC, CHOWHAN@ABC.ORG, OR CALL (703) 812-2007.

SOURCE: ABC NEWSLINE

REMINDER: GRADUATION IS JUNE 18, 2009!

WITH GRADUATION JUST AROUND THE CORNER, WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GIVING THE GRADUATES A NICE FAREWELL! ABCIL IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS FROM LOWES. ANY AMOUNT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO SLEETH ELECTRIC,
BATTAGLIA INDUSTRIES
JOHN J. PEMPEK, INC.**

FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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Mark Calonder of Decision Systems Plus, Inc., an ABCIL member, visited ABC National last week. He was very pleased with the hospitality of the staff to give him a tour as well as provide information about what each department handles.

SAFETY TIP

SAFE OPERATING RULES AND PRACTICES

SAFE OPERATING RULES AND PRACTICES ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE PLANNING MEETING AT THE START OF THE JOB AS DICTATED BY THE HAZARDS INHERENT IN THE NATURE OF THE WORK, FEDERAL AND STATE SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS, COMPANY POLICIES, AND OWNER AND OTHER REGULATORY AGENCY REQUIREMENTS. OTHER SAFETY RULES MAY HAVE TO BE ADDED AS THE WORK PROGRESSES DUE TO CHANGED CONDITIONS, NEW METHODS, NEW EQUIPMENT, AND AS AN OUTGROWTH OF ACCIDENT EXPERIENCE.

GENERAL SAFE OPERATING RULES AND PRACTICES APPLY TO ALL EMPLOYEES, REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF THEIR DUTIES. THESE RULES ARE TO BE EXPLAINED TO EACH NEW HIRE DURING INDOCTRINATION AND MUST BE REEMPHASIZED AT TOOLBOX MEETINGS AND IN DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS. THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND ARE TO BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED. EXAMPLES OF GENERAL RULES FOLLOW:

WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED

WEAR SUITABLE SHOES AND WORK CLOTHES IN GOOD REPAIR

LIFT CORRECTLY. GET HELP ON THE HEAVY LOADS

DO NOT SMOKE IN PROHIBITED AREAS

AVOID OFF-BALANCED POSITIONS WHEN PULLING, PUSHING, OR PRYING, ESPECIALLY AT HEIGHTS

REPORT ALL INJURIES PROMPTLY, EVEN THOUGH MINOR IN NATURE

KEEP ALERT AROUND MOVING EQUIPMENT

ALWAYS INSPECT LADDERS PRIOR TO USE AND USE LADDERS CORRECTLY

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE APPROVED LOCK AND TAG PROCEDUES

OPERATE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES ONLY IF AUTHORIZED

CORRECT UNSAFE CONDITIONS AS NOTED, OR IF YOU CAN'T CORRECT THEM, CALL THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR FOREMAN IMMEDIATELY

KEEP TOOLS AND MATERIALS AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF SCAFFOLDS OR FLOOR OPENINGS WHERE THEY CAN BE KNOCKED OFF ON EMPLOYEES WORKING BELOW

BE CONSIDERATE OF THE WELFARE OF FELLOW EMPLOYEES. DO NOT DISTRACT THEIR ATTENTION OR ENGAGE IN HORSEPLAY

REPLACE ALL GUARDS REMOVED FOR SERVICING OR OTHER REASONS

PRESSURE CYLINDERS SHOULD BE USED AND STORED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION AND SECURED AGAINST ACCIDENTAL TIPPING

KEEP ALL STAIRWAYS, LADDERS, RAMPS, SCAFFOLD PLATFORMS, WALKWAYS AND WORK AREAS FREE FROM LOOSE MATERIALS AND TRASH

RIDING ON LOADS, HOOKS AND HOISTS IS PROHIBITED

ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHEN GRINDING, DRILLING, BURNING, OR PERFORMING ANY OPERATION WHICH MAY PRODUCE FLYING PARTICLES OR OBJECTS

SOURCE: TOOLBOXTOPIC.COM

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

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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

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER/SPONSOR
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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 COMPLETEING THEIR RESPECTIVE 4-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS!

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

JUNE 23-25

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

CONNECT WITH HUNDREDS OF YOUR CONSTRUCTION COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON TO GET THE LATEST UPDATES ON CRITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING CONTRACTORS. LEARN ABOUT THE MOST RECENT LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS AND HOW THEY WILL IMPACT YOUR BUSINESS AND YOUR BOTTOM LINE. JOIN OTHER ABC MEMBERS IN COORDINATED VISITS TO CAPITOL HILL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).

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)

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