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MERIT UPDATE

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COMMENT PERIOD REOPENED FOR RULE ENCOURAGING PLA'S ON FEDERAL PROJECTS

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THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATORY (FAR) COUNCIL, AUGUST 24TH REOPENED THE COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE TO IMPLEMENT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 13502, WHICH ENCOURAGES THE USE OF GOVERNMENT-MANDATED, UNION-ONLY PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (PLAs) ON FEDERAL PROJECTS COSTING MORE THAN \$25 MILLION.

THE PROPOSED RULE WAS ISSUED JULY 14TH FOLLOWING A POLICY MEMORANDUM BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ENCOURAGING FEDERAL DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY HEADS TO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE USE OF PLAs ON UPCOMING FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

"MORE THAN 84% OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE CONSISTS OF HARDWORKING TAXPAYERS THAT CHOOSE NOT TO BE REPRESENTED BY A UNION," SAID 2009 ABC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN JERRY GORSKI, PRESIDENT OF GORSKI ENGINEERING, INC. "HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT-MANDATED PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS WILL CREATE A MONOPOLY FOR UNIONIZED CONTRACTORS ON FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE. FORCING PLAs ONTO FEDERAL PROJECTS VIOLATES LONGSTANDING FEDERAL PROCUREMENT LAWS THAT REQUIRE FREE AND OPEN COMPETITION, WITHOUT FAVORITISM."

THE REGULATORY PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED RULE INCLUDES A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD THAT BEGAN ON THE SAME DAY THE REGULATIONS WERE RELEASED. THE ORIGINAL COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED ON AUGUST 13, BUT HAS BEEN REOPENED FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS. ABC WILL SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE FAR COUNCIL OPPOSING THE REGULATIONS, BUT IS ALSO ENCOURAGING ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENT PERIOD BY EXPRESSING THEIR OPPOSITION TO THIS POLICY AND HIGHLIGHTING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON THE BUSINESSES BY THE SEPTEMBER 23RD DEADLINE.

ABC MEMBERS CAN SUBMIT COMMENTS BY MAIL OR FAX. COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, REGULATORY SECRETARIAT (VPR), 1800 F STREET, NW, ROOM 4041, ATTN: HADA FLOWERS, WASHINGTON, DC 20405, OR FAXED TO 202-501-4067. ALL COMMENTS MUST MENTION FAR CASE 2009-005.

SOURCE: ABC NEWSLINE @ WWW.ABC.ORG

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

EIC PACKETS WERE MAILED LAST WEEK! ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING OCTOBER 19, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2009.

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR PACKET, PLEASE GO TO WWW.ABCIL.ORG AND DOWNLOAD A COPY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT LISA RAYMOND AT 847-709-2960

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ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL
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847-709-2960
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526 E. ALLEN
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
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ATTENTION HEAVY OPERATOR STUDENTS

It is that time of year again. It is time to register for the LEVEL II portion of the ABC Heavy Equipment Operators Program. We have planned some new activities for you that we are looking forward to implementing into your education.

Like last year, we need you to register and PAY for the class BEFORE class starts. The cost for the class is \$2265 for members and \$2725 for non-members. As you know according to ABC Standards and Department of Labor Certification, in order to maintain your DOL certifications, you MUST PARTICIPATE in this class. Failure to register and be in class will result in TERMINATION of your DOL certification.

Like last year, I have set up special rates for you to stay at in nearby Freeport at the Country Inn Suites. Mention ABC and you will be able to register for a special rate that includes a hot breakfast buffet and hot soup after classes. There are also special discounts at most restaurants in Freeport. You may call Kay Halbin at (815) 233-3300 to reserve that special rate.

The class will begin Monday, January 4th, 2010 promptly at 8 a.m and going until 5 p.m. Classes will run Monday-Friday for the entire month of January. Missed classes must be made up and YOU MUST pay the extra cost for the instructor.

United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training Director, David Wyatt, will be special guest lecturer once again this year.

If you have further questions, please contact Steve Foltin at (847) 709-2960. Good luck on a successful class this year.

UNCLAIMED SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE NOW!!

THINKING OF REGISTERING FOR THE ABCIL APPRENTICE PROGRAM AND SHORT ON \$CASH\$? THERE IS SOME MONEY AVAILABLE THAT WAS UNCLAIMED BY PAST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. YOU CAN STILL APPLY FOR THIS YEAR'S TUITION!

CALL STEVE FOLTIN @ (847) 709-2960 FOR DETAILS, BUT HURRY FUNDS ARE LIMITED!

WELCOME TO ABCIL NEW MEMBERS

Don Howie
Quality Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Charleston, IL

Jeff Spruell
Sharp and Williams
Mt. Carmel, IL

Tom Piazza
Foxfield Construction, Ltd
Bartlett, IL

Jim George
Jim George & Sons
Sycamore, IL

Ken Martens
KGM, Inc.
Niles, IL

Randy Jacobs
Pro-Dive, Inc.
Ottawa, IL

Norm Liles
Putnam County Painters, Inc.
Mark, IL

Gerald Morgan
Triple M Plumbing & HVAC
Westfield, IL

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

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SEPTEMBER 10-11

OSHA 10-HOUR

ABCIL WILL BE HOLDING AND OSHA 10 HOUR ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AND 11TH IN THE ELK GROVE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 1541 ELMHURST RD. ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007. THE CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 4:30 TO 9:30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AND FROM 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. TO RECEIVE CREDIT BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED. THE COST IS \$150.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$100.00 FOR STUDENTS, AND \$200.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS. **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT STEVE FOLTIN AT 847-709-2960**

SEPTEMBER 10

WAUKEGAN APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING ORIENTATION

CLASSES WILL BE BEGINNING AT HUCKER ELECTRIC—1620 YORKHOUSE RD. IN WAUKEGAN ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 WITH A SPECIAL PIZZA ORIENTATION. STUDENTS MAY REGISTER AND MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT EVENING. THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 CLASSES FOR LEVEL I, II, III, & IV WILL BEGIN ACCORDINGLY. **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT STEVE FOLTIN AT 847-709-2960**

SEPTEMBER 15

SPRINGFIELD APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING ORIENTATION

CLASSES WILL BE BEGINNING AT CACC—2201 TORONTO RD. IN SPRINGFIELD ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 WITH A SPECIAL PIZZA ORIENTATION. STUDENTS MAY REGISTER AND MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT EVENING. THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 CLASSES FOR LEVEL I, II, III, & IV WILL BEGIN ACCORDINGLY. **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT STEVE FOLTIN AT 847-709-2960**

SEPTEMBER 16

WEBINAR SERIES: SAFETY ESSENTIALS ON THE JOB SITE

FOR DETAILS ON THIS WEBINAR PLEASE CONTACT KARI AT 217-523-4692

SEPTEMBER 17

SPRINGFIELD GOLF OUTING

THE SPRINGFIELD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009. REGISTRATION AND LUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30AM WITH A SHOTGUN START AT 12:30 PM. DINNER WILL FOLLOW GOLF AT 5:30 PM. THE COST FOR THIS EVENT IS \$125.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL GOLF AND DINNER, \$460.00 FOR A FOURSOME OF GOLF AND DINNER, \$15.00 FOR LUNCH ONLY, AND \$30.00 FOR DINNER ONLY. PLEASE SEE THE AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS BELOW:

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR: **SOLD**

CONTEST SPONSOR: \$100.00

DINNER SPONSOR: \$500.00

HOLE SPONSOR: \$100.00

LUNCH SPONSOR: \$350.00

RAFFLE PRICE DONATION: PRIZES SUPPLIED BY COMPANY

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT KARI AT 217-523-4692

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

OSHA 10-HOUR CLASS

ABCIL WILL BE HOLDING AND OSHA 10 HOUR ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AND 30TH AT THE HAMPTON INN IN SPRINGFIELD, IL. THE CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 3:30 TO 8:30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AND FROM 8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 30TH. TO RECEIVE CREDIT BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED. THE COST IS \$150.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$100.00 FOR STUDENTS, AND \$200.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS. THE HOTEL WILL BE HOLDING ROOMS FOR ABCIL AT THE RATE OF \$99. TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM, CALL 217-529-1100 AND TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE ABC SEMINAR. **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT STEVE FOLTIN AT 847-709-2960 OR KARI AT 217-523-4692**

OCTOBER 2ND

FREE PREVAILING WAGE WEBINAR - PRESENTED BY JEFF RISCH

FOR DETAILS ON THIS WEBINAR PLEASE CONTACT KARI AT 217-523-4692