



Illinois Chapter

# MERIT UPDATE

MAY 10, 2010

## MAY NETWORKING BREAKFAST

PLEASE JOIN US THURSDAY MAY 20TH AT 8:00 AM FOR A BREAKFAST NETWORKING EVENT! THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE ABCIL ELK GROVE OFFICE . THIS EVENT WILL BE PRESENTED BY CANDOS AGENCY AND WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ HOW WILL HEALTHCARE REFORM AFFECT MY BUSINESS?
- ◆ WILL CONGRESS' ACTION FURTHER INCREASE MY COSTS?
- ◆ WHAT CAN I DO TO CONTROL COSTS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE?
- ◆ AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW SMALL EMPLOYER CREDITS OF UP TO 35% (THIS ALONE MAKES THIS EVENT WORTHWHILE!)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT 847-709-2960 OR EMAIL HER AT [LISA@ABCIL.ORG](mailto:LISA@ABCIL.ORG)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 20TH AT 11:00 A.M. AT SCOTT BRETLE'S OFFICE (444 N YORK RD, ELMHURST). PLEASE LET KARI KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ATTENDING BY PHONE OR IN PERSON.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

A SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 20TH AT 1:00 P.M. AT SCOTT BRETLE'S OFFICE (444 N YORK RD, ELMHURST). PLEASE CONTACT PAUL OR STEVE IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

## ABCIL DINNER CRUISE

GRAB YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND COME SET SAIL WITH US ON THE BEAUTIFUL MYSTIC BLUE SHIP ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010.

BOARD TIME IS SET FOR 6:00 P.M. AND WE WILL LEAVE THE DOCKS BY 6:30. THE SHIP SHOULD BE DOCKING AROUND 8:30.

THE COST IS \$75/PERSON WHICH INCLUDES: THE CRUISE, BUFFET DINNER, OPEN BAR, INTERACTIVE DJ, AND A SPECTACULAR OUTSIDE DECK SPACE.

CONTACT LISA AT 847-709-2960 WITH QUESTIONS. KEEP WATCHING THE MERIT UPDATE FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS EXCITING EVENT!

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**FOR A 10%  
DISCOUNT ON  
YOUR WORKER'S  
COMP INSURANCE**

**CALL AL CANDOS  
@ (708) 361-2700  
TODAY!**

**WELCOME ABCIL  
NEW MEMBERS**

**JAYCO CONSTRUCTION  
& DEMOLITION  
JAN SHIRLEY  
CHATHAM, IL**

**BALLARD BROTHERS  
JAMES BALALRD  
WHITE HALL, IL**

**BREAKWATER  
ELECTRIC  
SCOTT STEVENS  
ALSIP, IL**



ON APRIL 26TH THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) HOSTED A LIVE WEBCHAT TO DISCUSS ITS 2010 REGULATORY AGENDA, INCLUDING UPDATES ON ERGONOMICS ENFORCEMENT AND A NEW PROGRAM THAT WILL REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO IMPLEMENT A SAFETY PLAN TO FIND AND FIX WORKSITE HAZARDS.

DURING THE WEBCHAT, OSHA ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVID MICHAELS SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO ADDING A NEW LINE ON THE FORM 300 TO RECORD MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURIES, OSHA WILL BE INCREASING ENFORCEMENT OF ERGONOMICS HAZARDS UNDER THE GENERAL DUTY CLAUSE. OSHA WILL ALSO BE STEPPING UP ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE EXISTING NOISE STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION, BUT HAS DECIDED IT WILL ABANDON ITS ATTEMPT TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH A HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

AS A COUNTERPART TO INCREASED ENFORCEMENT UNDER EXISTING STANDARDS, OSHA WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A NEW INITIATIVE AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S PROGRAM, PLAN, PREVENT, PROTECT, WHICH WILL REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO ADDRESS ALL PROBLEMS AND HAZARDS REGULATED BY DOL AGENCIES THAT AFFECT EMPLOYEES. OSHA'S INITIATIVE UNDER PLAN, PREVENT, PROTECT IS AN INJURY AND ILLINOIS PREVENTION PROGRAM (DUBBED I2P2) THAT WILL REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO IMPLEMENT INTERNAL SAFETY PROGRAMS THAT WILL IDENTIFY, ANTICIPATE, AND PREVENT HAZARDS THAT COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH TO AN EMPLOYEE.

"THE APPROACH OF THE NEW STRATEGY IS TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE FROM ONE IN WHICH SOME EMPLOYERS AND OTHER REGULATED ENTITIES WAIT FOR LABOR ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO CATCH THEM VIOLATING THE LAW TO ONE IN WHICH EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS PROACTIVELY PLAN TO REDUCE RISK TO WORKERS BY IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN AND PROTECTING WORKERS AS A RESULT," MICHAELS SAID DURING THE WEBCHAT.

AS A FIRST STEP, OSHA IS HOSTING A SERIES OF STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE I2P2 PROGRAM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE REGULATORY APPROACHES; THE SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE; WHICH INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYERS IT WOULD APPLY TO; WHICH HAZARDS IT WOULD COVER; AND THE PROGRAM'S RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.

THE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JUNE 3RD IN EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J.; JUNE 10TH IN DALLAS; AND JUNE 29TH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THERE ARE ONLY 50 SEATS AVAILABLE IN EACH SESSION AND SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR CONFIRMED REGISTRATION ARE MAY 20TH FOR THE JUNE 3RD MEETING; MAY 27TH FOR THE JUNE 10TH MEETING; AND JUNE 15TH FOR THE JUNE 29TH MEETING.

TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE I2P2 PROGRAM, OSHA HAS DECIDED TO PUSH BACK THE RELEASE OF THE NOTICE PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON SILICA UNTIL FEBRUARY 2011, BUT CONFIRMED THAT THE RULE UPDATING THE EXISTING STANDARD FOR CRANES AND DERRICKS IS STILL ON SCHEDULE FOR A JULY RELEASE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OSHA'S REGULATORY AGENDA, VISIT:  
[HTTP://WWW.OSHA.GOV/PLS/OSHAWEB/OWADISP.SHOW\\_DOCUMENT?  
P\\_TABLE=FEDERAL\\_REGISTER&P\\_ID=21455](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=21455)

**SOURCE: ABC NEWSLINE**

## DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

### 2010-2011 DIRECTORY AD CONTRACTS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
ADVERTISE YOUR  
COMPANY  
THROUGHOUT THE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
FOR A SMALL  
AMOUNT OF MONEY?

IF SO, YOU MIGHT  
WANT TO CONSIDER  
PLACING AN AD IN  
THIS YEARS  
2010-2011 ABCIL  
DIRECTORY.

AD SIZES VARY AND  
CAN BE  
EITHER FULL COLOR  
OR IN BLACK AND  
WHITE.

PLEASE CONTACT  
LISA AT  
847-709-2960 OR  
EMAIL HER AT  
LISA@ABCIL.ORG  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.

DON'T DELAY, THE AD  
SUBMISSION DEAD-  
LINE IS MAY 21ST!

#### **MAY 20TH**

ABCIL NETWORKING BREAKFAST - ABCIL OFFICE, 1541 ELMHURST RD, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL  
FOR DETAILS ON THIS BREAKFAST PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT 847-709-2960

#### **MAY 20TH**

ABCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT 11:00 A.M. - FSR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS,  
LTD.—444 N. YORK RD. ELMHURST, IL 60126

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

#### **MAY 21ST**

DEADLINE FOR AD SUBMISSION FOR 2010-2011 ABCIL DIRECTORY

FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT 847-709-2960

#### **MAY 24TH**

DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL WITH ABCIL

FOR DETAILS OR TO RENEW PLEASE CONTACT ALICIA AT 217-523-4692

#### **JUNE 1ST**

DEADLINE FOR ARTWORK FOR ADS PLACED IN 2010-2011 ABCIL DIRECTORY

FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT 847-709-2960

#### **JUNE 15TH - 17TH**

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE - HYATT REGENCY WASHINGTON ON CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON DC

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

#### **JUNE 15TH**

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - HYATT REGENCY WASHINGTON ON CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON DC

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

#### **JULY 22ND**

ABCIL DINNER CRUISE - MYSTIC BLUE CRUISES, NAVY PIER, CHICAGO IL

FOR DETAILS ON THIS CRUISE PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT 847-709-2960

#### **AUGUST 18-20TH**

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE - NEWPORT BEACH, CA

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

#### **NOVEMBER 9-11TH**

INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT - RANCHO MIRAGE, CA

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

#### **NOVEMBER 9TH**

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - RANCHO MIRAGE, CA

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