## ABC **MEMBERS** BUILD **AMERICA** 2023

Associated Builders and Contractors

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#### **ABC Has 68 Chapters Nationwide**





#### What Is ABC?

#### **ABC** Helps Its Members









Safely | Ethically | Profitably

Associated Builders and Contractors is a national construction industry trade association established in 1950 that represents more than 22,000 members.

Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 68 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work.

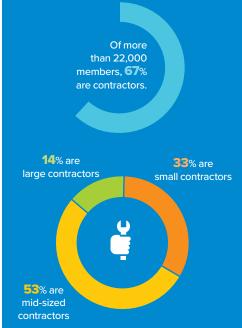
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#### Who Are ABC Members?

Construction and industry-related firms representing all specialties within the U.S. construction industry, primarily those focused on the industrial and commercial sectors.

Champions of fair and open competition that are committed to delivering high-quality, safe construction projects that are awarded to the most qualified bidder based on merit, not mandates or political favoritism.

ABC members build America. ABC members have been setting the standard for safety, performance and integrity in the construction industry since 1950, and every day we continue to raise the bar. ABC welcomes other like-minded contractors committed to excellence and delivering high-value, high-quality projects on time and on budget to join us.





## ABC HELPS ITS MEMBERS DEVELOP PEOPLE

ABC works to elevate careers in construction and build the workforce talent pipeline.

Reentering citizens

Women and minorities

Active military/

ABC is reaching out to share career opportunities in the construction industry with:

High school graduates

Community college/ university graduates

In 2022, ABC member contractors invested \$1.5 billion in workforce development to educate more than 1.3 million employees. ABC chapters have 400+ entry point programs into the industry nationally.

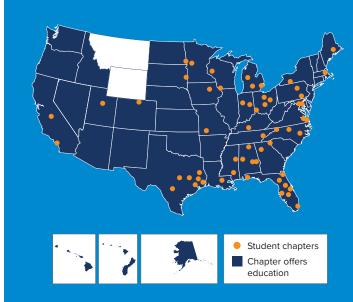
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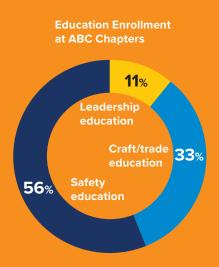
## **Educating the Skilled Workers of Tomorrow**

ABC's 68 chapters and their affiliates provide more than 800 apprenticeship, craft, safety and construction management education programs—including more than 400 government-registered apprenticeship programs—across the country.

Outreach initiatives include scholarship programs, relationships with universities and partnerships with education and training organizations.

Find a chapter: abc.org/chapterlocator Find a registered apprenticeship program: abc.org/grapmap





## ABC Works To Elevate Careers in Construction and Build the Workforce Talent Pipeline

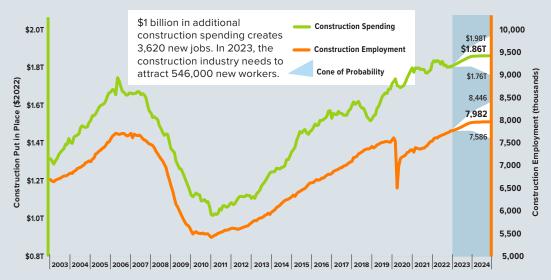
ABC and its 68 chapters are doing their part to upskill craft and management professionals using innovative and flexible learning models like just-in-time task training, competency-based progression, work-based learning and government-registered apprenticeships to build a safe, skilled and productive workforce.

Policymakers must commit to supporting an inclusive, all-of-the-above strategy for workforce development where workers choose their career path and employers have the freedom to choose the best way to provide value and build America.

abc.org/workforce

#### **Construction Spending and Employment Forecast**

(High, Base and Low Scenarios) abc.org/wfshortage



#### **ABC Workforce Development Programs**



The ABC National Student
Chapter Network connects local
ABC chapters to colleges and
universities with constructionrelated degree programs with
the ultimate goal of building the
construction management pipeline
and mentoring future leaders of
the construction industry.

abc.org/studentchapter



The ABC Project Management Institute is a premier education and professional development opportunity for future project management leaders. This course is designed specifically to meet the needs of today's contractors and is held at ABC chapters.

abc.org/pmi



The WDMS consists of the organization's demographic information, education and outreach efforts and the 11 key components of a workforce development program. The purpose of the WDMS is to provide members with a tool to self-evaluate their current workforce development programs and identify opportunities for improvement.

abc.org/wdms



#### **ABC Recognition and Awards Programs**





The Construction
Management Competition
promotes careers in
construction management,
featuring teams of college
students testing their skills
in project management,
estimating, safety, quality
control and presentation skills.

abc.org/cmc



The National Craft
Championships celebrate
lifelong learning in the merit
shop construction industry,
with craft trainees from chapter
and member training programs
across the country competing
for national recognition in about
a dozen crafts during the annual
ABC convention.

abc.org/ncc

#### CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE AWARDS



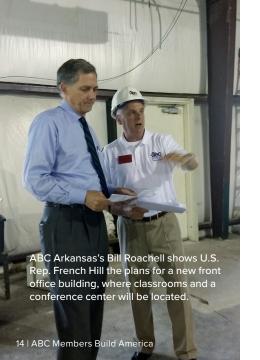




The ABC Construction Workforce Awards feature the Craft Instructor of the Year, Craft Professional of the Year and Young Professional of the Year. These individuals play crucial roles in shaping the future of the construction industry by highlighting construction as a meaningful lifelong career, emphasizing safe work practices and expanding education opportunities. The winner of each award is announced at the annual ABC convention.

abc.org/cwa







#### **Trimmer Construction Education Fund**

The Trimmer Construction Education Fund is the premier resource for construction education funding, aggressively promoting merit shop education in the United States and providing a climate in which the industry has access to a trained, skilled, safe and sustainable workforce. Trimmer allocates resources to drive sustainable long-term growth and competitive advantage by focusing on awareness, capacity and opportunity. Trimmer's goal is to attract, train and retain talent through educating the public about the varied opportunities a career in the construction industry has to offer.

ABC members contribute nearly half a million dollars annually to support grants from the Trimmer Construction Education Fund that expand chapter education facilities.

abc.org/trimmereducation

## ABC HELPS ITS MEMBERS WIN WORK

ABC creates opportunities for its members to compete for work on a fair and level playing field, and then helps them win work based on merit.

**ABC** promotes and defends fair and open competition for local, state and federal government construction contracting opportunities by opposing inflationary governmentmandated project labor agreements and prevailing wage regulations while supporting right-to-work policies.

TheTruthAboutPLAs.com

## **ABC Members Win Work Through Fair and Open Competition**



More than half the value of large federal contracts was awarded to ABC members from 2009 to 2022. In fiscal year 2022 alone, ABC members won 8.05 billion in large-scale federal contracts out of a total of \$18.3 billion.



Government-mandated PLAs steer work to unionized contractors and their unionized workforce, which represents just 11.7% of the U.S. private construction workforce, according to 2023 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Therefore, PLA requirements deny opportunity to nearly 9 out of 10 U.S. private construction workers.

#### ABC Opposes Government-Mandated PLAs

Anti-competitive and costly governmentmandated PLAs end open, fair and competitive bidding on contracts to build taxpayer-funded construction projects.

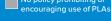
**Government-mandated PLAs** discourage merit shop contractors from bidding on taxpayer-funded construction contracts and drive up costs by 12% to 20%.

An ABC-led coalition campaign created the website BuildAmericaLocal.com to tout the value of fair and open competition.

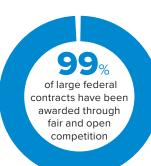
### ABC Advances Fair and Open Competition on Taxpayer-Funded Construction Projects



- Enacted bill or executive order prohibiting government-mandated PLAs
- Enacted bill or EO encouraging government-mandated PLAs







During fiscal years 2009-2022, \$145.8 billion in large-scale federal contracts was awarded without government-mandated PLAs.

#### **ABC** Is a Leader in Advocacy

ABC defends the economically sound principles upon which America was built. ABC members can play an active role in the political process by engaging with the ABC Political Action Committee and the Free Enterprise Alliance, and by joining the grassroots efforts at the ABC Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

In the 2021-2022 election cycle, ABC's Free Enterprise Alliance raised \$4.8 million to promote merit shop priorities and spent more than \$4 million on issue advocacy—and separately—get out the vote campaigns around the country. ABC PAC raised more than \$1.8 million in 2021-2022 with the help of generous ABC members.

abc.org/pac freeenterprisealliance.org



## ABC Supports Full Repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act

In the absence of full repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, ABC is fighting for commonsense reforms that will deliver more value to taxpayers. The U.S. Department of Labor's March 2022 proposal updating Davis-Bacon Act regulations is a missed opportunity to fix its flawed wage determination process, cut red tape for small businesses and create regulatory clarity for contractors and government stakeholders building federal and federally assisted construction projects. A final rule is expected to be issued by the DOL in 2023.

abc.org/davisbacon



#### ABC Recognizes Top Contractors With the Accredited Quality Contractor Credential

Exclusively for ABC members, the Accredited Quality Contractor program recognizes construction firms that annually document their commitment in five key areas of corporate responsibility: quality, safety, talent management—including inclusion, diversity and equity—craft and management education and community relations. The program serves as a holistic cultural assessment for the company, as well as a dependable business development tool. Be the best Build with the best

abc.org/aqc



## Find and Do Business With Other ABC Members

FindContractors.com helps members find and do business with other members. Members can search for an ABC contractor. supplier or other construction professional by name, chapter, location, sales volume or type of construction. Plus, find members that have earned an Excellence in Construction® award, participate in the STEP Safety Management System and Accredited Quality Contractor program, have special designations and have signed the Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace Pledge.



## **Top Performers Lists Recognize ABC Members' Achievements**

ABC's annual Top Performers lists recognize members' achievements in safety, quality, diversity, project excellence and special designations, ranked by work hours. Each edition features the overall top 200 contractors as well as leading electrical, HVAC, specialty and general contractors, all of which have earned the elite Accredited Quality Contractor credential and STEP Gold or higher, top performers in specific markets and those with special designations. Members that have achieved Gold or higher in ABC's STEP Safety Management System and earned the AQC credential are eligible for the Top Performers lists.

abc.org/topperformers







The National Excellence in Construction® Awards is the premier awards program for merit shop construction, recognizing the industry's most innovative and high-quality construction projects across the nation. Winning contractor firms are honored at an annual black-tie awards gala with their entire project team—owners, architects and engineers—to celebrate this prestigious achievement.

abc.org/eic



The National Safety Excellence Awards recognize companies that exhibit a continued commitment to jobsite safety and whose safety performance and programs are judged to be exemplary based on data submitted via STEP applications, essay questions and video interviews with company leadership about their corporate safety culture.

abc.org/nsea



The National Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Excellence Awards recognize ABC members that display exemplary IDE leadership in their company, workforce, supply chain and community through best-in-class recruitment policies, retention practices, and training and mentoring programs.

abc.org/diversity





ABC's Contractor of the Year recognizes contractor companies for corporate integrity and commitment to safety, professional development and expert craftsmanship. The winning company is honored at the Excellence in Construction® gala during the ABC convention.

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"Bridging the gap between people, opportunities and resources is essential to improved outcomes for all. My role as a diversity resource group leader allows me to help Native Americans navigate the challenges of the construction landscape and obtain equal opportunity to compete on a level playing field."

—Jennifer Jezek, President and CEO York Electronic Systems Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

## **ABC Champions Inclusion, Diversity and Equity**

The construction industry is changing in profound ways, but one constant remains: the need to bridge gaps in advancing inclusion, diversity and equity. At ABC, we believe that career opportunities in this nation should be created and made available to all people.

We believe in creating—and championing—conditions where individuals and organizations are limited only by their own potential and desire. This is the driving force behind the merit shop philosophy and ABC's inclusion, diversity and equity initiatives.

Through Diversity Resource Groups, the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Initiative Grant, the National Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Excellence Awards and participation in Construction Inclusion Week activities, ABC supports and recognizes success in achieving a diverse construction workforce.

ABC's Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Summit dives into meaningful, thought-provoking discussions and solutions-based recommendations for building diverse workplaces and supplier networks.

abc.org/diversity

## ABC HELPS ITS MEMBERS **ACHIEVE INDUSTRY-**LEADING HEALTH AND SAFETY

ABC sets industry-leading standards for health, safety, wellness and environment in the construction industry and helps its members achieve them.



Founded in 1989 as a safety benchmarking and improvement tool, STEP has evolved into a world-class safety management system that dramatically improves safety performance among participants regardless of company size or type of work. Participating ABC member firms measure their safety processes and policies on key components through a detailed questionnaire with the goal of implementing or enhancing safety programs that reduce jobsite incidents.

abc.org/step



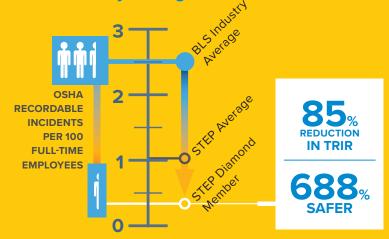
## STEP Diamond Members Are Nearly 7 Times Safer Than the Industry Average

The best-performing participants in ABC's STEP Safety Management System lowered their total recordable incident rate by 85% compared to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics construction industry average, according to data gathered from ABC members recording nearly 1 billion hours of work in construction, heavy construction, civil engineering and specialty trades. ABC's annual Safety Performance Report is featured on OSHA's Using Leading Indicators to Improve Safety and Health Outcomes resource page.

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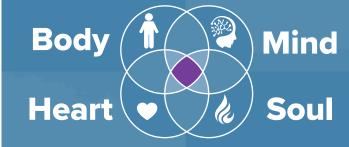
Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR): STEP vs. the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Construction Industry Average



New for 2023, ABC STEP is proud to announce the **Total Human Health Initiative**. This critical link in the STEP program has been designed to help members focus and improve the complete health, wellness and livelihood of their employees.

We care about everyone. We are here for everyone.

If you're in a crisis, call 988. 988lifeline.org | afsp.org abc.org/thh



## ABC HELPS ITS MEMBERS PRACTICE ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

ABC fights against the Biden administration's anti-growth, burdensome policies and regulatory agenda, which create significant uncertainty and barriers to job creation.

## **Key Federal Regulatory Actions for the Merit Shop Construction Industry Today**



#### **Strengthening the Merit Shop**

ABC works aggressively to protect member interests before Congress, regulators and the courts.

- · Testimony before Congress
- Letters to Congress
- Comments on rulemakings
- Participation in regulatory agency hearings
- · Coalitions and partnerships
- Feasibility studies
- Member impact surveys
- · Compliance toolkits
- · Issue briefs

ABC members have access to updates, staff expertise and guidance on regulatory developments and compliance resources designed exclusively for merit shop contractors. The ABC Academy offers archived webinars and the Rapid Response Toolkit to Union Organizing.

Stay up to date on the legislative, regulatory and legal developments you need to know about through ABC's weekly member newsletter, Newsline.

abc.org/newsline



# ABC HELPS ITS MEMBERS INCREASE **PROFITABILITY**

ABC helps members understand the changing business landscape, save money and work with trusted partners.



#### Save on Premium Technology With the Tech Marketplace

Contractors can rely on the Tech Marketplace to find tech solutions to address the most common construction needs. From pre-planning and project management to site management, safety, HR and billing, the marketplace features solutions to improve the planning and delivery of high-value construction projects. Plus, marketplace participants offer a discount to ABC members.

abc.org/techmarketplace



#### **Business Management Expertise**

ABC helps members stay on top of the technologies that can give them an edge in improving productivity and profitability. From digital collaboration software and BIM to high-tech accounting systems and contracts, ABC webinars, education sessions and conferences give members access to top industry experts who can help you improve your bottom line.





#### **Investing in Construction Innovation** Through the ABC Tech Alliance

ABC's Tech Alliance was built to help ABC members work smarter through improved utilization of technology. The alliance is a hand-selected group of more than a dozen construction technology companies that add inherent value for ABC members and position ABC as a leading association for construction technology needs.

abc.org/techalliance





























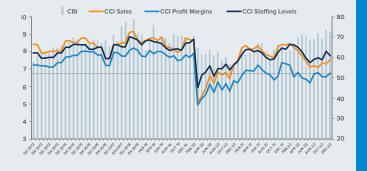


#### Research Technology With ABC's Tech Report

Executing on ABC's commitment to industry-leading performance on jobsites requires ABC member contractors to continuously innovate. To be a top performer in safety and win and deliver more work, contractors need to keep their fingers on the pulse of innovation, ABC's annual Tech Report provides leaders with a roadmap to understand how technology and innovation can help their businesses through research on technologies currently in use and case studies on innovative solutions ABC members have implemented successfully.

abc.org/techreport

# ABC's Construction Backlog Indicator and Construction Confidence Index, 2012-2022



# Economic Analysis You Can Count On

ABC keeps you updated on key economic indicators for commercial and industrial construction.

#### **ABC Economic Reports**

- Economic Forecasts
- Construction Backlog Indicator
- Construction Confidence Index
- State-Level Industry Unemployment Rates
- Workforce Shortage

## ABC Analysis of Government Economic Data

- Construction Spending
- Construction Employment
- Producer Price Index
- JOLTS Construction Job Openings

#### abc.org/economics



# Stay Current With Construction Executive

Construction Executive, ABC's award-winning magazine, is the leading source for news, market developments and business issues affecting the construction industry. Designed to help its 53,000+ readers run more profitable and productive businesses, the CE portfolio also includes a robust website, a weekly newsletter and webinars to help you understand and manage risk, technology, economics, legal challenges and more.

constructionexec.com

#### **Employee Benefits, Built** for ABC Members.

The ABC Insurance Trust provides employee benefits and a suite of construction-specific employer services exclusively for ABC members. It's always our goal to make your life easier. That's why we provide access to employee benefits programs that are lower in cost and richer in value—and why we provide customized support with a number of year-round solutions that make caring for your employees more efficient and simple.



We take the hassle out of administering your employee benefits.

- Traditional, HMO, PPO and POS Medical Plans
- Dental Benefits—Rates Haven't Changed Since 2012
- Short- and Long-Term Disability Income Protection
- Dollar Bank® Administration—Pay for Benefits by the Hour
- Group Life Insurance
- Supplementary Life Insurance
- Vision Plans
- Voluntary Coverages
- HRAs/HSAs/FSAs
- Multistate Administration
- Composite Rating and Services Plan—Solution for Age **Banded Rates**
- · Prevailing Wage Resources



#### **Start Saving With Member Discount Programs Today**

With more than 20,000 participating merchants, you can get great deals on everyday purchases through the ABC Marketplace, an online shopping destination for discounts on food, electronics, travel, theater tickets, toys, home goods and more.

#### abc.org/perksatwork

Save big with member discounts on business essentials. How about getting 22% off your cell phone bill or saving at least \$500 on a new truck?

ABC members saved more than \$31 million using member discounts in 2022! A typical contractor with 15 employees could save thousands of dollars each year. Employee discounts also are available.

abc.org/discounts | abc.org/employeediscounts

#### Save on Business Purchases With ABC's Discount Programs

































#### **Members and Their Employees Save With These Great Discounts**













#### **ABC Strategic Partners: Your Allies in Success**

abc.org/strategicpartners



#### Reduce risk and improve safety.

Insurance to protect your employees, your projects and your bottom line.



#### The prevailing wage experts.

Helping contractors compete for and win government jobs with compliant fringe benefits.



#### Work safer at any height.

Equipment for aerial access including new and certified pre-owned units.



#### Nothing but heavy duty.

Delivering innovative solutions that offer increased productivity, safety and unmatched durability.

#### PROCORE

The #1 end-toend construction management software. Maximize productivity, improve performance and protect your profits.



## The products you can rely on.

Providing the electrical wire, cable and tools you can trust for over 70 years.



#### Grow anywhere, any time.

Your source for skilled, productive craft professionals whenever you need them.



#### Equipment, at the click of a button.

Great customer service plus equipment, when and where you need it.

# **ABC HELPS** ITS MEMBERS **ENHANCE** COMMUNITIES

From award-winning projects to community service, ABC members build America.

# ABC Members Contribute to the Communities Where They Live and Work

From fundraising and expanding job training programs to contributing to relief efforts after natural disasters and volunteering to perform renovations on the homes of military veterans in need, ABC members step up to support local communities and charitable causes across the country.

constructionexec.com/community

Nearly 40 women from ABC of Greater Houston's LOGIC (Ladies Operating for Growth in Construction) Committee partnered with Rebuilding Together Houston to renovate the home of U.S. Army veteran Francine Robertson, repairing siding, caulking and replacing windows during Women in Construction Week 2022, March 6-12. In addition to community service projects, LOGIC helps women enter and thrive in construction careers through leadership development, education and networking programs.



# **Up Your Game: Join an ABC Peer Group**

ABC's peer groups give like-minded business owners an environment conducive to sharing ideas and discussing opportunities and challenges—all with the goal of improving their businesses. Peer groups consist of six to 10 noncompeting ABC member companies within a trade or interest area and with similar annual volumes. Peer groups are available for contractors in drywall, electrical, general, mechanical/ HVAC, painting, plumbing and more.

abc.org/peergroups



#### **ABC Annual Events**

March

## ABC CONVENTION

National Board of Directors Meeting

Education for ABC Member

Association Excellence
Awards

National Craf

Championships

National Excellence in Construction® Awards

Careers in Construction

Awards

Construction Management Competition

abcconvention.abc.org

May



An exclusive event that brings together construction users and merit shop contractors for interactive discussions about how to collaboratively improve upon the planning and delivery of high-quality construction projects.

userssummit.abc.org

June

#### ABC **LEGISLATIVE** CONFERENCE

National Board of Directors Meeting

Legislative Update Breakfast

**Breakout Sessions** 

Legislative Day Congressional Visits

Free Enterprise Alliance Reception

legislative.abc.org



June

# ABC VIRTUAL LEGAL CONFERENCE

The ABC Legal Conference is a must-attend virtual event for ABC members, including merit shop labor attorneys, construction contractors and ABC chapter presidents and government affairs directors.

legalconference.abc.org

November

## **LEADERSHIP** INSTITUTE

National Board of Directors Meeting

Executive Leadership Forum

Education for ABC Leaders and Chapter Staff

leadership.abc.org



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