



Michael D. Bellaman
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Since Feb. 1, 2011, Michael D. Bellaman has served as president and CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national trade association representing 21,000 chapter members from 70 chapters. In his role, Bellaman leverages the merit shop philosophy to help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which they work. He leads the association in delivering long-term strategic goals that include:

- Establishing ABC members as the world-class standard for health, safety and environment;
- Increasing the political influence of ABC;
- Being the leading force for workforce development and training; and
- Continuously growing and delivering value to a diverse and committed membership.

Bellaman is committed to helping ABC members and the industry achieve world class safety. He is a co-founder of the Construction Coalition for a Drug-and-Alcohol Free Workplace, an industry-wide initiative. He also has championed a roadmap for companies whose leaders want to transform their safety programs from the ground up through ABC's industry-revolutionizing Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) Plus. The 2016 ABC Safety Performance Report documented that using proactive safety practices can reduce recordable incidents by up to 87 percent, making the best-performing companies 870 percent safer than the industry average—a world-class level.

Bellaman believes the industry has a significant productivity opportunity. He currently is working with industry leaders to develop a productivity framework factoring in leadership, materials management, means and methods, tools and technology as well as people with strategic focus in the following areas:

- Project orientation and planning
- Coordination and workflow
- Optimizing crew capacity

He is focused on creating the condition, through ABC's Project Virtual, for new innovations and technology to be injected into all aspects of the construction process.

As part of his commitment to closing the gap in the construction workforce and driving productivity, Bellaman serves as a trustee for the Trimmer Construction Education Foundation, which generates funds to award scholarships and grants in support of construction education, and is a member of the ACE Mentor Program Board of Directors. Under his leadership, ABC's National Craft Championships brought in more than 200 competitors in 2016, and ABC's long-term goal is to have the capacity to train 200,000 highly skilled and productive craft workers on an annual basis.

Bellaman also leads a team that advocates for the merit shop philosophy, which emphasizes excellence and high performance on a fair and level playing field in the construction industry. Today, 22 states guarantee government neutrality when awarding construction contracts. In addition, ABC members won 63 percent of the total value of large-scale federal projects without a project labor agreement mandate or preference during fiscal years 2009-2016.

A 1985 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Bellaman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in architectural engineering. During his 26 years in the construction industry, Bellaman spent 23 years with Lend Lease Corporation, serving as CEO of development, privatization, retail and construction businesses during his career.

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