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# Upcoming ABC Events



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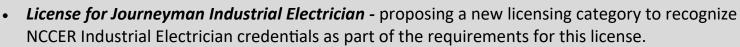
# *ADVOCACY*





**ABC Texas Gulf Coast Board Members** recently attended the 2017 Legislative Day Conference in Austin to address this years' construction industry priority issues, including:

- Neutrality in State Government Contracting protecting merit shop contractors by preventing
   governmental entities from requiring the use of
   project labor agreements
- Lien Law Modernization developing a simplified approach that can be embraced by most, if not all, stakeholders
- Public Employees Dues Deduction preventing public entities from deducting dues for labor unions and employee associations, resulting in subsidization of those organizations using public money
- **E-Verify (Safe Harbor)** If any mandatory E-Verify bill is passed, ensure there will be language to assure the employer will not be penalized if the employer is a victim of fraud and is protected from a discrimination lawsuit



This is just one of the many ways that ABC works on behalf of its membership to improve the local business environment.

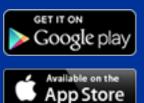


ABC Board Members Mark Monical and Buck Blevins at the State Capitol in Austin for Legislative Day.









Chapter

# HUMAN RESOURCES



## **ABC Human Resources Symposium & Luncheon**



"Independent Contractor or Employee?

Avoiding the Costly Mistakes of Misclassification"

Presented By

MARK JODON, Littler Mendelson, PC

Determining the status of workers is a critical consideration for any business. Misclassification of employees as independent contractors is a nationwide issue that has the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies such as the Texas Workforce Commission collaborating to pursue tax monies from employers who have wrongly classified their employees. In addition to federal and state government actions, misclassification collective action lawsuits under the Fair Labor Standards Act are growing at an alarming rate and employers are being held liable for unpaid overtime, liquidated damages and attorneys' fees for improperly classifying their workers as independent contractors.

If your company is using independent contractors or "contract" labor to perform the same or similar jobs of employees, you will want to attend this symposium.

We will review recent developments relating to federal and state government initiatives to crack down and punish employers who have misclassified their employees. We will also look at the staggering nature of the litigation facing employers who misclassify employees. Most importantly, we will provide guidance on what tests need to be used to properly classify your workers.

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Location: ABC Facilities, Room B

1002 ABC Avenue

Freeport, Texas 77541

Time: 11:00 a.m. Registration & Lunch

11:30 a.m. Symposium

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Cost: ABC Member - \$25 per person

Future ABC Member - \$45

Register Online at

www.abctxgulfcoast.org/events



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30 years' experience defending employers before governmental agencies and in federal and state courts on the issue of proper classification of workers.

# Please plan to attend - make your reservations today!

No reservations or cancellations

after noon on Monday,

March 6, 2017

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# Annual ABC/ACIT Joint Membership Event & Luncheon Featured Judge Matt Sebesta



Pictured above (left to right) are President & CEO of ACIT Hector Rivero, President & CEO of ABC Texas Gulf Coast Terry McAlister, and Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta.

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, members of ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter joined with members of the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas (ACIT) for a luncheon with Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta delivering a program entitled "State of the County, Projects, and how Local Industries Can Work with the County".

Judge Sebesta's presentation highlighted a great deal of information measuring the current growth of the county, much of it driven by the large amount of industry investment in the area, and how this growth will impact local communities.

The membership of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Texas Gulf Coast chapter includes local dignitaries, representatives of area industry and contractors who work within their plant locations, so the program was of special interest to those in attendance. New ABC members were recognized at this event, and sponsor exhibits representing various ABC & ACIT member companies were featured.

It was a great opportunity to learn of current projects, future planning and development, and to network with other industry professionals.





# Annual ABC/ACIT Joint Membership Event & Luncheon "State of the County" presented by Judge Matt Sebesta





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ABC Recognized two new member businesses at the luncheon:

#### **Custom Touch Village**



New ABC members D'Wane and Melissa Buchanan of Custom Touch Village pictured with Gary Basinger (center) of the Economic Development Alliance For Brazoria County

#### **Safeline Technologies**



Safeline Technologies representatives Ruben Arias and Sharon Todd proudly display their ABC Membership Plaque.

## **Upcoming Informative Events**

## Human Resources Q&A Session with Mark Jodon of Littler Mendelson, PC

(Free for ABC Members Only)

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m. Place: ABC Facilities

1002 ABC Avenue Freeport, TX 77541



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#### ABC MEMBERSHIP EVENT & LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE: ABC Facilities** 

1002 ABC Avenue

Freeport, TX 77541



Program presented by Danny Massey,
Superintendent of BISD

"State of the Education System"

Also at this event:

Tabletop Displays for new and existing members. A good opportunity to get acquainted with new members and their company's services. Or, get an update from existing members.

Don't hesitate to reserve your tabletop as space is limited!



## **ABC Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament Fundraiser**



#### Thursday, March 23, 2017

6:00 p.m. Registration & Dinner 6:45 p.m. Tournament Begins **ABC Brazos Room** 1002 ABC Avenue Freeport, TX 77541





## Company Sponsorships Available - click here!

Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated. Please check sponsor level:

\$150 Full House (Includes 2 entries)

\$200 Straight Flush (Includes 4 entries)

\$300 Royal Flush (Includes 6 entries)



#### **Payment Method:**

Mail check payable for players and/or sponsorship

Invoice company for players and or

sponsorship

Company: \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1.

Contact:

**Email:** 

Phone:

Entry fee: \$30 per person

Includes: \$1,000 in Chips, Fajitas and Beverages

Re-Buys: \$20

Prizes Awarded: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

**Poker Players:** 

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No limit on players. Use additional form if necessary.

All reservations are considered firm unless cancelled 48 hours prior to the event. Please register online at www.abctxgulfcoast.org.

Questions? Call Ruby at (979)233-0279 or email: <a href="mailto:ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org">ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org</a>.

Join us for fun and games! Your support of this ABC fundraiser is appreciated!



# 2017

# Loyal Member Appreciation

#### Thank you for renewing your membership with ABC!

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# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**



# 28th Annual ABC Cook-Off

Friday Aprii 21 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. &Saturday Aprii 22 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: ABC Facilities, 1002 ABC Avenue, Freeport, TX

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per team /\$100.00 for additional booth space

(will allow your team to make another entry)

Iron Chef (Optional): entry fee is \$25.00 per team.

\*Payment must be made to reserve your space

(ABC Members may request invoice)

Event Details: Cook-Off Competition. Kids' Cook-Off, Kids Zone Play Area

Rock Island 1911 F45 & Smith & Wesson AR15 Winner need not be present to win!



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sponsorship form,

Click HERE to sponsor this event!



#### ABC Kid's Cook- Off

Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:45 a.m. Teams Check-In



#### LOCATION:

ABC Facilities, 1002 ABC Avenue, Rreeport

DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2017

TIME: 9:45 a.m. Teams Check-In

10:15 a.m. Chief Cooks' Meeting

12:00 p.m. Deadline to Turn in Team Entries Followed by Judging

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 Per Team - limit 30

Plan to enter your junior competitors in the following age categories:

- 10 and under
- 11 13
- 14 16

1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for each category

- Teams may consist of one or two children under the age of 16. Age of the oldest child will determine the Chief Cook and category: 10 and under, 11 13, and 14 16.
- Teams will be judged on presentation and taste.
- Children must do the cooking and presentation. Parents or guardians must assist and supervise with anything considered dangerous.
  Chief Cooks' Meeting on Sat., April 22, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. Hamburgers must be turned in by 12:00 p.m.
  See items below to be provided. You may add other items you would like.
  Entry deadline: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Must supply own grill - no gas grills allowed!

#### <u>Items that will be provided:</u>

Hamburger Buns Meat (1 Patty for Entry and 1 Extra Patty)

Cheese - 2 Slices Mayo & Mustard Entry Container

#### Come on out ya'll—We'll be grillin' & chillin'!

Your generous support of ABC Fundraisers is appreciated! Together we are able to help those less fortunate and make a difference in our community!

Questions:

contact Ruby at 979-233-

or email:

ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org

Plan to be a part of the fun, competition and goodwill within our community. For more information, please visit our website at

abctxgulfcoast.org/calendarofevents

# SUPPLIERS' COUNCIL



# It's That Time of Year Again

# ABC Supplier/Member Mixer & Crawfish Boil and Excavation Safety for Competent Person Training

## ABC Supplier/Member Mixer Crawfish Boil!



Thursday, May 18, 2017 Date:

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: ABC Facilities - Brazos A

1002 ABC Avenue

Freeport, Texas 77541

Free for Members &

Guests

Thanks to Exhibitors & other Sponsors!

Cost:

Visitors! The mixer features our Supplier Members with a variety of products and information to assist you with your construction project needs. Learn about the support and opportunities that are at your disposal from our very own ABC Members. Attend at no charge, but Reservations are required.

Deadline is noon on Monday, May 15, 2017 Exhibitors/Sponsors, don't miss this opportunity!

Click here to reserve your space today!

#### **Excavation Safety for Competent Person Training** Provided by

United Rentals Trench Safety

Questions? Contact Jerry Wagner (713)582-1429

- **Training addresses OSHA Excavation Standard** Subpart P
- Qualified trainers with trench experience
- Training manuals included

Documentation and certification upon successful completion

Thursday, May 18, 2017 Date:

Check-in: 12:30 p.m. (lunch on your own)

Class: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ABC Facilities, CR #2 **Location:** 1002 ABC Avenue

Freeport, Texas 77541

**Cost:** \$125 ABC member

\$150 future ABC member

Reservation & Cancellation Deadline Must be made by Wednesday morning, May 17, 2017. Reservations are binding.

To Register, email: <a href="mailto:ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org">ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org</a> or call 979-233-0279







# **Electrical Continuing Education Classes**

(Course 14728)

Thursday, March 16 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1002 ABC Avenue CR#2 Freeport, TX 77541 \$40 ABC Member \$60 Non-Member



To schedule call 979-824-7370 or email: kay@abctxgulfcoast.org

Meets TDLR requirement for 4-hour update for Master, Journeyman and Apprentice License Renewal. The instructor is a Master Electrician.

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# **Training**

## **Evaluation**

**Process** 

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- Techniques & Strategies for Safe Operation
- Steering & Maneuvering Skills
- Refueling & Charging Procedures
- Worksite Inspections/Procedures

#### Complies with ANSI/OSHA Standards

#### **Upon Completion Trainees Receive:**

- Operator Certification Wallet Card
- Certificate of Completion
- Training Safety Council Card with Training
- Operator Reference Manual



#### Students must bring Standard PPE:

- hard hatsafety glassessteel toe shoes
- gloves
- high visibility vest



## Course Presented by Certified Instructors



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## **Aerial Lifts Operator Certification Training**



# Training Complete in 1 Day Classes have begun!

Offered Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$235.00 per person - Limit 15 per class

#### Required:

Basic Operating Experience
Standard PPE
(hard hat, safety glasses, steel toe shoes & ear plugs)
Harness
(if available)

#### Course Includes:



Classroom Instruction by an *IVES Certified Aerial Lifts Trainer* 



Hands on Practice Written Theory Test



Performance Verification by an IVES Certified Aerial Lifts Evaluator

Complies with ANSI/SIA 92 Standards and Dow M-78 Aerial Lift Safety Standard Training

(required for Dow Contractors only)

#### Upon Successful Completion You Receive:

IVES Operator Certification Wallet Card Certificate of Completion Training Added to Safety Council Card Operator Reference Manual

# Registen Today!

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# WORKFORCEWEEK"17

CELEBRATE COLLABORATE CONNECT



Feb. 28 - March 3, 2017 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Workforce Week is ABC's annual celebration of the best in merit shop construction, recognizing the contributions of members, chapters and craft professionals to the construction industry and their dedication to excellence.

Members of ABC Texas Gulf Coast will join other industry professionals this week to connect, celebrate and collaborate at Workforce Week and support local area contestants in the National Craft Championships.



Associated Builders and Contractors' (ABC) annual National Craft Championships (NCC) celebrates ABC's and its member firms' training and education efforts. Craft trainees from chapter and member firm training programs across the country come together to compete in the annual National Craft Championships. During this intense two-day event, young men and women compete in one of 15 competitions, representing 13 crafts. ABC knows the future of the industry relies on its ability to attract and retain the most talented individuals necessary to meet the nation's ever-increasing construction needs. ABC is leading the way in developing the merit shop construction industry workforce by offering programs, such as the NCC, that promote life-long learning experience and national recognition based on achievement at every career level. Check next month's issue for competition results!





# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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#### **2017 ABC Staff Directory**

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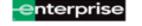
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# Attention Human Resources and Safety Personnel!

## **Employment Drug Screening Seminar**

- Pros and Cons of different types of testing
   Urine Hair Oral Fluid Nails
- Timelines From Collection to Reporting What takes so long?
- Roles and responsibilities of Medical Review Officer (MRO)





Space is limited, reserve today!

RSVP to: rthompson@allamericanscreening.net

Date: March 16, 2017 Place: ABC Brazos Room B

Time: 3:00 pm.



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# **CALENDAR**



# March 2017 ABC, BSC, MSTI

Feb.27th-March 3rd		Workforce Development Week & National Craft Championships			
February					
2	3:00 p.m.	Suppliers' Council Meeting, ABC Conference Room			
7	70 1	Brazoria County Day - Austin, TX			
8	11:00 a.m.	"Contract Labor" - ABC HR Symposium & Luncheon, Brazos B			
16	11:00 a.m.	"Construction Accounting" - ABC Webinar			
21	3:00 p.m.	ABC Board Meeting, Board Room			
23	2:30 p.m.	MSTI Board Meeting, Board Room			
23	6:00 p.m.	Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament, Brazos A			
		MSTI & BSC Classes & Training Opportunities			
Mar	*8:00 a.m.	Basic Plus, 8:00 a.m. Mon - Fri CR#4			
Mar	12:00 p.m.	Work Permit Acceptor Training, Thursdays, CR#1			
Mar	7:30 a.m.	Fork Lift Operator Certificate Training			
Mar	7:30 a.m.	Aerial Lifts Operator Certificate Training, Tues - Thurs, CR #5			
7-8	8:00 a.m.	Enhanced Foreman Training, CR #1			
16	6:00 p.m.	Electrical Cont. Ed. License Renewal Class, CR #2			
Jan-May	6:00 p.m.	CSST Classes - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, CR #3			

#### Inquedients:

# Deep Fried Jalapeno Slices

Yield: 6 Servings

- 1 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon red chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

- 2 eggs 1 Cup Beer
- 1/2 quart vegetable oil
- 2 Cups sliced jalapeno peppers
- Mix flour, salt, pepper, red chili powder, garlic powder, eggs, and beer together in a bowl.
- In a deep fryer, or large pot heat oil to 365 degrees F (180 degrees C).
- Dip the sliced jalapenos in the batter. Place battered jalapenos in deep fryer. The jalapenos are fully cooked when they float to the surface of the oil. They should be golden brown and crispy. Enjoy!

"These are addictively delicious. Spicy and sinful. Best if served with melted nacho cheese sauce."



Picture and recipe adapted from <u>allrecipes.com</u>