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## ABC Communications



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### Happy New Year from Associated Builders & Contractors - Texas Gulf Coast Chapter!

In order to be successful, you have to make right decisions. Choosing who you do business with is one of the most important decisions you will make.

That's why it makes sense to do business with ABC members. Choosing an ABC member assures you of quality work; delivered safely, ethically and professionally.

We encourage you to do business with our [ABC Members!](#)



### Christmas came early to the Oyster Creek Police Department this year!



On December 7th, representatives from ABC's Public Relations Committee delivered a trailer full of toys to the Oyster Creek Police Department for families in need. The committee is comprised of representatives of ABC member companies who place value on giving back to the communities where they live and work.

After learning that Police Chief Tim Bradberry had purchased toys out of his own pocket last year, the committee decided to step in and lend a hand providing hundreds of toys to families in need.

This is one way that ABC member companies work for the betterment of the communities they live in. Chief Bradberry sent a letter of thanks... >>[Read More](#)

### ABC Public Relations Committee Proudly Supports our Service Men and Women

The ABC Public Relations Committee has various activities throughout the year to raise funds for local charities. Funds raised from the 28th Annual Cook Off were presented to local charities on September 12, 2017. One recipient, Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County, used the funds to send care packages to our service men and women during the holidays. They were well-received per the thank-you's shared below:

Hello,  
I serve on board the USS Hopper DDG 70 which is homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. We are currently on patrol in the Arabian Gulf off the coast of Iran. Just received a lot of boxes from your organization. They were addressed to FC2 Casey Ortiz however I wanted to reach out and express my thank you as well. My name is Operations Specialist First Class Petty Officer (OS1) Steven Warden. I've been in the Navy for 11 years and this is my 5th deployment. Every time I have the chance to reach out to thank those who took the time to thank the military I want to do so. It's one thing to say "I support the troops" but then to go the extra step as your organization did to show your support.

Thank you for taking your time to put together the boxes that you assembled. Thank you for letting us know there's support out there and add the extra encouragement we need when the holiday season comes and we are away from those we love back at home.

Sincerely,  
Steven

Mary  
Hope this finds you and all your family in great spirits and health. I just wanted to drop a line to inform you that the care packages have arrived and been distributed to all. I want to take the time to thank you and wish you and all help a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it be a joyous and festive time for all and may you be granted all you wish. Again thank you very much to you and all your helpers and families for the love shown at this time of year.

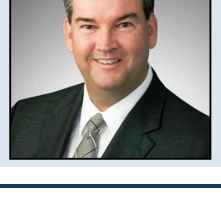
Peace be with each and every one. God Bless  
Ricky Bazinoz  
AFGHANISTAN

## ABC Events

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018 1:00-2:00 pm

[ABC Texas Gulf Coast HR Webinar](#): How to Effectively Manage Employees through Coaching, Counseling, Disciplinary Action, and Termination

Presented by Mark Jodon, attorney at one of the nation's largest employment law firms, Littler Mendelson. Register today!



### ABC Event Dates - First Quarter 2018

- [ABC & ACIT Joint Membership Event & Luncheon](#) - Feb. 7
- [ABC Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament](#) - Feb. 22
- [ABC Human Resources Symposium & Luncheon](#) - Feb. 28
- [ABC 29th Annual Cook Off](#) - March 23-24
- [ABC National Convention & National Craft Championship](#) - March 18-22



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## ABC Government Affairs

### ABC Celebrates Passage of Historic Tax Reform Bill



In a statement, ABC President & CEO Mike Bellaman applauded Congress and the White House for delivering the first comprehensive tax reform in more than 30 years and giving our industry a simpler and fairer tax code that will lead to more economic freedom and global competitiveness. >>[Read more](#)

## Human Resources

### Time to Revisit Your Sexual Harassment Policy

*Sexual Harassment in the Workplace* will be the topic of the February ABC Human Resources Symposium & Luncheon. Sexual harassment has been unlawful in the workplace for more than 50 years. Yet it remains the most visible employment issue facing corporate America today. Victims of sexual harassment are emboldened to speak up, and a remarkable number of business leaders in many industries are being called out for alleged bad behavior and forced to step down. Every day there are allegations in the headlines and news of another firing due to inappropriate conduct. >>[Read More](#)

## ABC Calendar Preview

Date	Event	Location
Jan. 10	ABC HR Webinar: <a href="#">Managing Employees</a> - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	ABC Webinar
Jan. 23	ABC Board Meeting, 3:00-4:00 p.m.	ABC Boardroom
Jan. 24	MSTI Safety Day for Educators	ABC Facilities
Jan. 25	MSTI Board Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	ABC Boardroom
Jan. 30	BSC Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	ABC Boardroom
Jan. 30	BSC Owners' Advisory Board Meeting & Luncheon, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	ABC Boardroom
Feb. 7	<a href="#">ABC &amp; ACIT Joint Membership Event &amp; Luncheon</a> , 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Brazos Room A
Feb. 22	<a href="#">ABC Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament</a> , 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Brazos Room A
Feb. 28	<a href="#">ABC Human Resources Symposium &amp; Luncheon: Sexual Harassment</a> 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Brazos Room B

**ABC CONVENTION REIMAGINED**

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## ABC News

### ABC Chief Economist Predicts Stable 2018 Construction Economy

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Chief Economist Anirban Basu predicts stability for the construction industry's economy and expanding nonresidential construction spending in 2018. While construction project backlog and contractor confidence remain high heading into the new year, Basu warns there are risks to the 2018 outlook as a number of potential cost increases could come into play. >> [Read more](#)

## Workforce Development

### Do You Want to be a Champion?



### ABC Sponsors Two for National Craft Championship

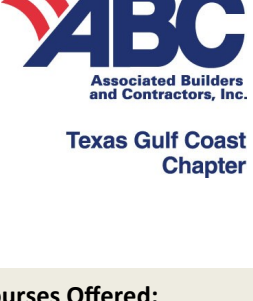


Associated Builders and Contractors, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, Inc. held its Annual ABC Local Craft Championships at Brazosport College on November 2, 2017.

Participants competed against their peers for a chance to compete in the 2018 ABC National Craft Championships in Long Beach, California, March 18-23, 2018. This year electrical and millwright crafts were represented in the local competition with the support of our education partner, Brazosport College.

>>[read the full article here](#)

## ABC / MSTI Craft Training



**Brazosport Safety Council, Inc. Courses Offered:**

- Aerial Lift Certification
- Basic Plus
- CPR/AED Certification Training
- Enhanced Foreman Training
- Excavation Competent Person Training
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Forklift Operator Certification
- Safe Work Permit Acceptor Training

**Merit Shop Training, Inc. Courses Offered:**

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- Electrical Continuing Education License Renewal Class
- ICTP Training & Certification
- Project Management Class
- [Project Supervision Class](#)
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**Craft Training & Apprenticeship**

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