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## ABC Events

### ABC Human Resources Symposium & Luncheon "Wage & Hour - Proper Classification of Contract Workers vs. Employees"



**Mark Jodon** is board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is the chapter attorney for the ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter and the ABC Greater Houston

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

**Date:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. Registration & Lunch 11:30 a.m. Symposium 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Location:** ABC Facilities, Brazos B  
1002 ABC Avenue  
Freeport, TX 77541

**Cost:** ABC Member \$25  
ABC Future Member \$45

[Register Online Today](#)

#### Menu

- Grilled Chicken Bowtie Festival
- House Salad
- Bread/Garlic Oil
- Iced-tea
- Mini Italian Chocolate Cakes

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Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.  
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## Joint Membership Event & Luncheon

**Date:** Wednesday, 9/26/18  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Members:** \$35  
**Future Members:** \$55

**Reservations are Required**

[Register online today](#)

**No reservations or cancellations after 9/23/18.**

**ABC/BSC/MSTI Joint Membership Event & Luncheon**

This event includes:

- new member recognitions
- Election of 2019 ABC Board of Officers & Directors
- STEP awards presentation
- Tabletop displays – by new and/or existing members.

**Space is limited, reserve your space today!**

**Menu**

- Fried Shrimp & Catfish
- Garden Salad
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Fresh Rolls
- Iced-Tea
- Tuxedo Truffle Mousse
- Cake Parfait
- Strawberry Shortcake Parfait

**Don't miss this event!**

ABC STEP Awards will be presented to ABC Members who have taken the first STEP to achieving world-class safety!

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**We look forward to seeing you there!**  
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## ABC Calendar Preview

Date	Event	Location
August 8	<a href="#">ABC HR Symposium &amp; Luncheon: Wage &amp; Hour</a>	ABC Brazos B
September 12	<a href="#">ABC HR Q &amp; A Session</a>	ABC Brazos B
September 26	<a href="#">ABC Joint Membership Event &amp; Luncheon</a>	ABC Brazos A
October 4	<a href="#">ABC Supplier/Member Mixer &amp; Shrimp Boil</a>	ABC Brazos A
October 4	<a href="#">ABC Excavation Safety for Competent Person Training</a>	Classroom 2

## ABC Government Affairs

### ABC Applauds Trump Administration's Rescission of Persuader Rule



On July 18, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a [final rule to rescind the 2016 persuader rule](#), officially named the "Interpretation of the 'Advice' Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act." The final rule will go into effect on Aug. 17, 2018.

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## ABC Human Resources

### Avoid Discrimination Claims by Understanding Pre-employment Screening



The term "employment discrimination" is frequently tossed around by workers and employers, but what does it really mean and how can employers limit their exposure to these types of employment claims during the pre-employment or hiring phase?

Contractors would be well advised to understand pre-employment screening and hiring laws and how to comply. [>>READ MORE](#)

## ABC Membership

**MEMBERSHIP, IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

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ONE mission, ONE team, ONE voice

Start Saving Today

Special discounts for employees of ABC members!

## Renew Your ABC Membership for Free!

When you join Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), you become part of the nation's leading association for merit shop construction and construction-related firms.

### Your Discounts Offset the Membership Fee

Every business is different, but every contractor has expenses. Here's how much a typical contractor with 15 employees can expect to save in one year with just a few of the ABC member business discounts.

#### Example of Company Savings

Product or Service	Quantity	Savings
Chevrolet Cargo Van	1 vehicle	\$1,000
FedEx Shipping	2 envelopes/week	\$628
Verizon Wireless Service	7 cell phones	\$980
Aramark Apparel Rental	8 rentals/week	\$850

**Total Savings per Year: \$3,458**

"Our construction business has 18 employees. Currently, we're saving \$4,176 with two of ABC's discount programs, which more than pays for our membership dues."

—Pamela Volm  
Annapolis Contracting, Inc.

#### Saving You Money\*

Tap into exclusive discounts for ABC members and save on business services and products you're already purchasing.

- **Enterprise** – Save up to 15% on vehicle expenses. GM and Ford discounts apply.
- **General Motors** – Save up to \$1,000 per vehicle on top of other incentives
- **Verizon Wireless** – Save up to 22% on mobile phone plans
- **FedEx** – Save 29% on overnight delivery services
- **Ford** – Save up to \$3,000 per fleet vehicle on top of other fleet discounts
- **Aramark** – Save 20% on safety apparel
- **And More!** – See all the programs at [www.abc.org/discounts](http://www.abc.org/discounts).

\* Vendors and discounts subject to change.

#### Building Your Business

Take advantage of great resources and programs to grow your business.

- **Accredited Quality Contractor** – Shows prospective clients that you have achieved a high level of corporate responsibility
- **Safety Training Evaluation Process** – Improves your company's safety practices and can lower your workers' compensation insurance rates
- **Excellence in Construction Awards** – Showcases your company's best projects
- **Networking Events** – Connects you with contractors and leaders in the construction field
- **Peer Groups** – Share experiences with contractors from across the country

#### Keeping You Informed

ABC provides resources to help you stay current with the information you need to make better business decisions.

- **Construction Executive** – The magazine for the business of construction
- **ABC Newswire** – Weekly electronic newsletter for merit shop contractors
- **Local Newsletters** – Print and electronic publications of regional interest
- **Legal Resources** – Get help on labor and construction law issues
- **Construction Economic Update** – Stay current on news that impacts your business

## ABC Safety & Health

# STEP

## CHANGE YOUR SAFETY PERSPECTIVE

## ABC / MSTI Craft Training

### ABC Participates in First U.S. House Bipartisan Apprenticeship Caucus Event



On July 12, ABC Vice President of Environment, Health, Safety and Workforce Development Greg Sizemore participated in the first meeting of the U.S. House of Representatives Bipartisan Apprenticeship Caucus. The caucus, founded by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee Chairman Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.) and Ranking Member Susan Davis (D-Calif.), was created this spring to expand apprenticeships in the United States and raise the prestige of the skilled trades.

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### ABC Commits to Education Goals at White House 'Pledge to America's Workers' Event

Associated Builders and Contractors signed on to President Trump's "[Pledge to America's Workers](#)" today, committing to educating and developing at least 500,000 construction workers over the next five years.

The pledge, which was signed by more than a dozen leading companies and industry trade associations, stressed the need to expand apprenticeship programs to educate current and future generations of America's workforce.

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# Daytime Rigging Courses

## Basic - Intermediate - Advanced

### NCCER Curriculum

#### ABC - MSTI

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**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
- Spotter/Flagger for Vehicle & Heavy Equipment

**Courses Offered:**

- Basic, Intermediate & Advanced Rigger Refresher Class
- Construction Site Safety Technician (CSST)
- Electrician Continuing Education License Renewal Class
- ICTP Training & Certification
- Project Management Class
- Project Supervision Class
- OSHA Classes through UTA

## ABC Sponsoring Members

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## Did You Know?

When you choose to do business with an ABC Member, You are choosing the best!

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