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ABC Calendar Preview

Date	Event	Location
December 4	ABC BSC MSTI Christmas Social & Holiday Toy Drive	ABC Brazos A
December 11	ABC Board Meeting	ABC Board Room
Dec. 24-25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED	
January 1	NEW YEARS' DAY - OFFICES CLOSED	
January 9	ABC Human Resources Webinar	Online webinar
January 9	ABC State Board Meeting	Austin

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ABC Events

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Bring your holiday food drive donations and a new, unwrapped toy for the toy drive!

Click here to register to attend!

Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Brazosport Safety Council, Inc.
& Merit Shop Training, Inc.
cordially invite you to our
Annual Christmas Social
Tuesday, December 4, 2018
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Business Casual Attire

No registrations accepted after November 28th
1002 ABC Avenue Freeport, TX 77541

The Annual Christmas Social is the conclusion of the Annual ABC Holiday Food & Toy Drive - Thank You for Giving!

Holiday Food & Toy Drive Donations

- Food Drive Needs: Proteins, such as canned meats and beans are needed; Or make a monetary donation, as \$5 purchases 5 pounds of food!
- Toy Drive Needs: Bring any new, unwrapped toys

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- ABC Human Resources Committee**
- Save the Date for the [ABC Human Resources Webinar](#) on January 9, 2019!
- ABC Public Relations Committee**
- The ABC 30th Annual Cook-off Charity Fund Raiser is scheduled for **Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9, 2019**. For complete event details [>>READ MORE](#)
 - Click here for Cook Off [Sponsorship and Team Entry Form](#).
- ABC Suppliers' Council Committee**
- The Fall Shrimp Boil Mixer held October 4th was a great success, thanks to our sponsors and exhibitors! [>>READ MORE](#)
 - Plan to join us for our next event - the ABC Supplier/Member Mixer & Crawfish Boil on May 9, 2019!
- Currently recruiting for 2019 ABC Committee members! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please email ruby@abctxgulfoast.org

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ABC Government Affairs

ABC Member Employees Highlight Careers in Construction at White House Event

Dwana Grace and Stacia Brightmon, apprentices from ABC member S & B Engineers and Constructors, attended an event at the White House on Oct. 31 to highlight the Pledge to America's Workers, which continues to gather commitments from the business community to expand workforce development. [>>READ MORE](#)

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ABC Safety & Health

OSHA Issues Guidance on Crane Operator Qualification Compliance

On Nov. 5, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration [issued guidance](#) on how to comply with crane operator certification requirements until OSHA's new [final rule](#) on operator certification and qualification becomes effective. OSHA also made available a [pre-publication version](#) of the final rule on its website. [>>READ MORE](#)



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ABC / MSTI Craft Training

Joseph Patterson of McGill Maintenance to Compete at National Craft Championship in March

ABC and MSTI are pleased to announce that **Joseph Patterson of McGill Maintenance will represent us at the ABC National Craft Championships in March 2019 held in Long Beach, California.** We are excited to have yet another Millwright competitor to represent ABC and MSTI and the exceptional training program at Brazosport College.

Mr. Patterson will now begin additional practice (both hands-on and written exams) to prepare for the competition in the spring, thanks to some of our past medal winners who will assist Joseph to prepare during their off time. They will be working many Saturdays between now and the contest as they train for various aspects of the competition.

Congratulations to Joseph, his instructors at Brazosport College, his mentors, training coordinators and co-workers at McGill Maintenance, and his family and friends. Each of you are part of this big accomplishment!

ABC/MSTI Craft Training Program
Spring 2019 Registration
Registration: November 9, 2018 - January 11, 2019
979-230-3000 or www.brazosport.edu

The ABC/MSTI Craft Training Program offers training through Brazosport College in each of the following crafts:

Automotive Mechanic	Machine Tools
Construction Management	Millwright
Electrical	Pipefitting
Engineering Graphics & Design	Safety, Health & Environ. Mgmt.
HVAC	Welding
Instrumentation	

Classes begin Monday, January 14, 2019
[Click here for additional information!](#)

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Upcoming Courses

- Aerial Lift Certification
- Basic AED
- CPR/AED Certification Training
- Excavation Foreman Training
- Enhanced Foreman Training
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Forklift Operator Certification
- Safe Work Permit Acceptor Training
- Spotter/Flagger for Vehicle & Heavy Equipment

Merit Shop Training, Inc. Courses Offered:

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- Construction Site Safety Technician (CSST)
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- Project Management Class
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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 for 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.

* 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 Newsletter** – 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

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