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ABC Events

ABC Members Earn STEP Safety Awards

ABC members were presented with STEP Safety awards at the ABC/BSC/MSTI Joint Membership Event & Luncheon held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Founded in 1989 as a safety benchmarking and improvement tool, STEP has evolved into a world-class safety management system that dramatically improves safety performance among participants regardless of company size or type of work. Participating ABC member firms measure their safety processes and policies on 24 key components through a detailed questionnaire with the goal of implementing or enhancing safety programs that reduce jobsite incidents.

Click here to see photos and a [complete listing](#) of local STEP Award winners from ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter.

To view ABC's [2019 Safety Performance Report](#) or for more information about participating in ABC's STEP Program, click [here](#).

ABC Calendar Preview

Date	Event	Location
October 3	Excavation Safety for Competent Person Training , Code 04EXCVCP	Classroom 5
October 3	ABC Supplier Member Mixer & Shrimp Boil	Brazos Room A
October 8	ABC Public Relations Committee Meeting, 3:00 pm	Brazos Room C
October 9	ABC Human Resources Committee Meeting, 3:00 pm	Brazos Room C
October 22	ABC Board Meeting, 3:00 pm	ABC Board Room
October 29	BSC/Owners' Advisory Board Meeting, 11:00 am/12:00 pm	ABC Board Room
November 6	ABC/MSTI Local Craft Championships	Brazosport College

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ABC members can take advantage of Business Discounts with ABC's Business Partners. Employees of member companies can also take advantage of discounts for personal use under the Employee Discounts section.

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ABC's Member Discount Program delivered more than \$34 million in member savings in 2018.

For complete details on ABCs discount program, [click here](#) and start saving today!

"The Nissan program has been great. I have recently paid my ABC dues with the discounts I received from Nissan. Our chapter has even recruited a new member just based on this program. Bottom line – it is easy to use and it really saves money."

-Jennifer Jezek, President & CEO York Electronic Systems Inc. 2017 Chair, ABC of Oklahoma

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ABC Government Affairs



By all accounts, the 86th Texas Legislature is considered one of the best in history for construction and the merit shop in particular. HB 985 provides Neutrality in State Government Contracting. Any public entity that receives state funds (such as state agencies and universities) or uses state credit (like most school districts) cannot require contractors to sign pre-hire collective bargaining agreements (PLAs) as a condition of working on a construction project. This may not seem like a big deal now, but it protects us from the increased activity of organized labor in Texas and will definitely preserve the Merit Shop longer than it would be preserved without this legislation on the books. We were also successful in working with AGC-TBB to address Right to Repair. While this legislation was restricted to governmental entities, it provides a sound framework on which to extend this principle. While we were not successful on all fronts, the state also continued to advance the cause of CTE by passing several bills dealing with grant programs to private employers for training, allowing local workforce development board to access the skills development fund and providing funding for high schools that assist adults in obtaining high school diplomas and workforce credentials.



ABC Texas Gulf Coast along with ACIT was pleased to have Speaker Dennis Bonnen and Ed Thompson (R-HD29) speak at a legislative update luncheon on August 20th sharing their reports of the session. Then on September 25th Will McAdams, the new President for ABC of Texas, was introduced at the ABC/BSC/MSTI Joint Membership Event & Luncheon. Will most recently served as Advisor to Speaker Bonnen for Business & Regulated Industries. Will shared that while we certainly face challenges with upcoming elections, he is very proud of the good work accomplished in the 86th Texas Legislature under the leadership of Speaker Bonnen, and is optimistic for the future.

ABC Workforce Development / MSTI Craft Training

MSTI MERIT SHOP TRAINING, INC. Merit Shop Training, Inc. (MSTI) is the educational affiliate of ABC Texas Gulf Coast. MSTI is a non-profit 501(c)3 devoted to servicing the workforce development needs of the local industry and contractor community through craft training delivered via our partnership with Brazosport College.

MSTI is an NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor and Assessment Center. Our mission is to develop a highly skilled workforce through a variety of programs focused on assessment, training, and continuing education. We believe that a collaborative approach with our members is an excellent path to combine on the job experience with quality, standardized training to develop a highly skilled and educated craft workforce.

This training is appropriate for workers new to the industry, specific task training for existing workers, and assessing deficiencies and offering remedial training for journeyman. [Contact us](#) today to learn how we might serve your craft training needs.

Employees of ABC member companies are eligible for craft training at a discounted rate through our partnership with Brazosport College in each of the following crafts:

- Automotive Technology
- Construction Management
- Drafting Technology
- HART
- Industrial Electricity
- Industrial Pipefitting
- Instrumentation & Electrical
- Machine Technology - Machinist
- Machine Technology - Millwright
- Safety, Health & Environ. Mgmt.
- Welding Technology

Training at MSTI

Training courses are offered regularly at MSTI, including:

- Basic, Intermediate & Adv. Rigger
- Rigger Refresher
- Construction Site Safety Technician
- Electrical Continuing Education
- ICTP Certification & Training
- OSHA Training through UTA
- Project Management
- Project Supervision

NCCER Skills Assessments and Pipeline Operator Qualifications

MSTI is an NCCER Accredited Assessment Center. Training in NCCER Study Hall, NCCER Pipeline OQs, NCCER Skills Assessments & Performance Verifications. Call in advance to schedule an appointment.

For Pipeline OQs, call 979-824-7360; For NCCER Skills Assessments, call 979-824-7369.

MSTI is an NCCER Endorsed Site for Crane, Rigger and Signal Person Certification

Training may be scheduled at your site or at MSTI. Call 979-824-7369 for more information.

MSTI is an NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor and Assessment Center. For information about becoming an Accredited Training Unit or an Accredited Training & Educational Facility under MSTI sponsorship, contact us at trainings@abctxgulfcoast.org or 979-824-7362.

Brazosport Safety Council, Inc. Courses Offered:

Upcoming Courses

- 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

Merit Shop Training, Inc. Courses Offered:

Basic, Intermediate & Advanced Rigger Class

Construction Site Safety Technician (CSST)

Electrician Continuing Education License Renewal Class

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OSHA Classes through UTA

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