



# Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.



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Texas Gulf Coast Chapter

## Membership Application

Membership investment for Contractors and Suppliers is based on annual volume of business during the preceding year. **Please check the appropriate category number below.**

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

CSI or NAICS Code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Product & Services (for listing in ABC Publications):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_

### Geographic Area Covered

- Brazosport Area       Brazoria & Surrounding Counties
- Texas                       Gulf Coast
- National                   International

Each member shall appoint and certify to the secretary of the corporation a person to be its representative who shall represent, vote and act for the member in all affairs of the corporation, each member being entitled to a single vote.

### Company Representative (ABC Voting Member)

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

### Company Officers ( if other than above )

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

### ABC Sponsor ( must be ABC member )

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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✓ Category	Gross Annual Volume	Dues
<b>Contractor</b> - Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the construction industry as general contractor or subcontractor.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	(Over \$50,000,000)	\$5,850
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	(\$20,000,000-\$50,000,000)	\$5,250
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	(\$10,000,000-\$20,000,000)	\$4,175
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	(\$6,000,000-\$10,000,000)	\$3,225
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	(\$3,000,000-\$6,000,000)	\$2,650
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	(\$1,000,000-\$3,000,000)	\$1,900
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	(\$500,000-\$1,000,000)	\$1,325
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	(Under \$500,000)	\$875
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Startup Contractor (less than \$500,000 & in business less than 3 years.)	\$650
<b>Supplier</b> - Any person, firm or corporation engaged in any work related to the construction industry who furnishes material, but not labor to the construction site.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2C	(Over \$5,000,000)	\$1,250
<input type="checkbox"/> 2B	(\$1,000,000-\$5,000,000)	\$950
<input type="checkbox"/> 2A	(Under \$1,000,000)	\$875
<b>Associates</b> - Any person, firm or corporation engaged in any work related to the construction industry who does not furnish labor and/or material to the construction site.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1B Professional Associate - Corporate		\$975
<input type="checkbox"/> 1A Professional Associate		\$875

Is your firm a Multi-Chapter Member?

- Yes     No    If Yes, home chapter?

On behalf of the Company designated above, I hereby apply for membership in the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of ABC and agree to submit \$\_\_\_\_\_ for payment in full. **(Remember, a portion of these dues are tax deductible.)** We also agree to pledge our support to ABC's Basic Principles and Code of Ethics.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this completed application with a check to:  
Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas Gulf Coast, Inc. - Attn: Ruby  
P O Drawer 2650  
Freeport, TX 77542**

**Or fax completed application to (979)239-4386 and call in your credit card number to Ruby at (979)233-0279**

## Start-Up Contractor Category Criteria

### Qualifying for the Start-Up Contractor Category:

Candidates must provide official business license proving fewer than 3 years in business as of date of approved ABC membership and will expire no later than 5 years from member companies' inception.

Candidate will agree to a commitment of receiving start-up dues credit for no longer than 2 years. Upon exhaustion of eligibility for the start-up dues credit, the member would automatically be billed membership dues in the appropriate dues category as determined by company's annual volume.

Once enrolled in the Start-Up Contractor Program, the member company is eligible for the entire 2 year period regardless of potential volume increase beyond required threshold.

Financial volume requirements:

Less than \$500,000 in total annual volume for all contractors.



## ABC Members are pledged to support these basic principles and the ABC Code of Ethics

### 1. Preservation of free enterprise in the construction industry.

- A. We believe every business should have the right to deal with any other business firm as it deems fit.
- B. We believe every worker should have the right to belong or not to belong to a labor organization.
- C. We believe that no person's right to work should be affected by membership or non-membership in a labor organization.
- D. We believe that every firm, as provided in federal and state law, should have the right to operate union or open shop as it deems fit.

### 2. Protection of the public by requiring open public bidding or contracts for spending the taxpayer's money.

- A. We believe in the principle of awarding public contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

### 3. Sound legislation on workmen's compensation, unemployment compensation and safety.

- A. We believe the working population should be protected from the hazards of industrial employment in our complex economy.
- B. We believe welfare legislation should be designed to preserve the initiative characteristic of our free enterprise system.
- C. We believe legislation encouraging coddling of workers, payment for work not done, secondary boycotts and other expressions of private power should be strenuously opposed.

### 4. Labor legislation.

- A. We favor legislation that provides fair and just relations between management and labor.
- B. We oppose such activities such as violence, coercion, intimidation and the denial of rights of free working persons and free management.

### 5. Monopolies.

- A. We are, in general, opposed to monopolies, and are particularly opposed to the closure of opportunities for bidding in the construction industry.
- B. We believe the practice of closing lists to bidders is harmful to owners and the construction industry. This practice opens the way for favoritism that can only result in stifling free competition. Our position does not mean that we are opposed to individual firms working out their particular problems with individual contractors as they see fit.

### 6. Wages and Prices.

- A. We favor elimination of government fixing of wages and prices as practices destructive to free enterprise.
- B. We believe American workers and employers should have the right to determine wages, hours and working conditions through either individual or collective bargaining as they choose without government interference.
- C. We believe in fair compensation for work performed.

### 7. Government economy.

- A. Government at all levels owes to our citizens the duty of operating efficiently and economically for the general

welfare.

- B. Government wastes, careless administration and corruption should be fought by alert citizens whenever and wherever they appear.

### 8. Nondiscrimination.

- A. Discrimination based on race, sex, color or creed is contrary to the spirit of the American Democracy.
- B. Our membership is open to all firms qualified under the charter. We are opposed to any discrimination that sets one citizen above another on the score of race, sex, creed or color.
- C. We believe, in particular, that precluding minorities from the opportunity of learning the skills in the construction industry and keeping them out of jobs is harmful to our nation economically and morally.

### 9. Business person's responsibility to the community.

- A. We believe every business person should recognize his or her duties as a citizen and take an active part in civic affairs.
- B. We believe it is the duty of every business person to deal fairly with other firms and individuals.

## ABC Code of Ethics

- ◆ To maintain a standard of performance consistent with the owner's best interest.
- ◆ To quote only realistic prices and completion dates and perform accordingly.
- ◆ To fully cooperate with the architect and other agents of the owner toward fulfillment of the contract undertaken.
- ◆ To solicit and accept bids and/or quotations only from firms with whom we are willing to do business.
- ◆ To make all payments promptly within the terms of the contract.
- ◆ To observe and foster the highest standards of safety and working conditions for employees.
- ◆ To establish fair wage schedules for employees commensurate with their ability and their industry.
- ◆ To actively participate in the training of skilled trade persons for the future of the construction industry.