



**From the Ship Channel  
to the  
Energy Corridor...  
Helping Owners  
Build Houston**



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# WHY ABC MEMBERSHIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU

- ABC allows you to work with contractors to advance new technologies in LEED, Safety innovation and other cutting edge initiatives.
- Membership allows you to meet contractor and supplier prospects for your current and upcoming projects.
- ABC is a valuable resource for information about construction issues.
- Serving on ABC committees allows for a rare look inside the workings of ground up construction and allows for open discussion of solutions to concerns that can arise during the building process.
- ABC provides the latest information affecting the construction industry in state and federal legislation.
- ABC provides up-to-date information from OSHA regarding safety regulations in the construction industry.
- Participation in the judging process for Excellence In Construction and Safety Excellence entries at the local levels.

## ABOUT ABC

Since 1969, Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston (ABC) has been providing the commercial and industrial construction market with industry advocacy, training and services to help them protect and grow their businesses. Today, ABC represents hundreds of construction companies locally, and thousands nationally. From award winning programs and political advocacy, to business development opportunities and construction education, ABC is the construction association of choice.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ABC offers numerous opportunities for members to make valuable industry connections and stay abreast of the latest developments in the construction industry. Business Development programs include: Monthly Membership Meetings & Events; Recognition Programs; Company Certifications; Legal & Business Seminars; Insurance Program; and Business Discounts.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

ABC's award-winning training and education programs are provided through their educational affiliate, Construction & Maintenance Education Foundation (CMEF), ensuring that your employees are knowledgeable in all aspects of construction. ABC offers: Craft Training; Continued Education for Professionals; Safety Classes; Management Education; and Scholarship Programs.

## POLITICAL ADVOCACY

ABC works to ensure that a favorable business environment is upheld, and that the rights and freedoms of today's business professional are protected. The ABC Political Action Committee routinely screens candidates for public office and endorses those who's beliefs align with ABC's free enterprise philosophy. ABC is well known throughout local, state and national government, often meeting with current office holders to advocate for the rights of the construction industry and lobby against legislation which could threaten your right to conduct business freely.

# ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## Onsite and Virtual Plan Room

Through a partnership with the **Virtual Builders Exchange**, ABC members are able to obtain information about upcoming projects and view plans and specs for projects that are accepting bids. This partnership allows for substantial discounts on features such as the virtual planroom, on-site planroom, project leads, and business management support.

## Industry Publications

ABC provides members with topical information about industry issues through their award-winning, industry recognized publications, **Build Houston Magazine**, and **Texas Merit Shop Journal**.

## Membership Directories

Two ABC Membership Directories are printed each year and inserted in Build Houston Magazine, reaching over 14,000 readers in the construction industry. A searchable Membership Directory is also available online.

## Committee Involvement

ABC's numerous committees allow members to get involved and help steer the direction of the association. Joining a committee is a great way to meet with other members in smaller group settings, helping you promote your business while furthering the efforts of the association. ABC has a committee that is well suited for any member!

Join ABC today and enjoy ABC Member Benefits immediately. Complete the enclosed membership application to begin the process now!

Membership Dues (please select the category that applies to you):

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner/Developer/Construction User - \$2500

\_\_\_\_\_ Current COIPA Owner Member - \$1500

### Your Membership Dues Include:

- Weekly Enewsletter Subscription
- Build Houston and Texas Merit Shop Journal Subscriptions
- Access to all ABC Events, plus complimentary admission to the following Special Events:
  - Inaugural Dinner – Admission for 2
  - Membership Breakfasts – Admission for 4
  - Poker Tournament – Admission for 2
  - General Contractor Expo - Display Booth and Admission for 4
  - Casino Night – Admission for 4
  - Fall Extravaganza – Admission for 5
  - Excellence In Construction – Admission for 2

For more information about ABC, visit [www.abchouston.org](http://www.abchouston.org) or call (713)523-6222.

# BECOME AN ABC MEMBER

Join ABC today and begin taking advantage of the benefits now! To join or learn more about the association of America's Best Contractors, contact or visit us.

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**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Method of Communication: Fax, Email, Both

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Company or Houston office established: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your company an ABC member in another chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

ABC Sponsor Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary reason for joining ABC: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal date for health benefits: \_\_\_\_\_ (As a member, ABC may be able to offer you lower rates!)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of ABC, you will receive notices about member services, products and events which may be sent by email. Some emails may contain solicitations or advertisements about these products and events, and you are assenting to the receipt of such emails but may decline to receive such emails from ABC by emailing [s.doyle@abchouston.org](mailto:s.doyle@abchouston.org) or by contacting ABC at the address on this application.

All members, regardless of category, have an equal voice.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Please select the ABC committee(s) that people from your company would be interested in participating:

- \_\_\_ Ambassador
- \_\_\_ Apprenticeship
- \_\_\_ ABC Budget & Finance
- \_\_\_ Bowling Tournament\*
- \_\_\_ CMEF Budget & Finance
- \_\_\_ Casino Night\*
- \_\_\_ Construction Expo\*
- \_\_\_ Contractors Committee
- \_\_\_ Craft Training
- \_\_\_ Excellence In Construction Competition\*
- \_\_\_ Fishing Tournament\*
- \_\_\_ General Contractor Expo/Crawfish Boil\*
- \_\_\_ Golf Tournament\*
- \_\_\_ Legal Issues
- \_\_\_ Marketing
- \_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_ Outdoor Extravaganza\*
- \_\_\_ Political Action
- \_\_\_ Safety Policy/OSHA
- \_\_\_ Schools
- \_\_\_ Texas Under Attack
- \_\_\_ Welcome Committee
- \_\_\_ Young Professionals

\* These are event specific committees and typically meet several months before the event date.

Each committee typically meets once per month. All members are encouraged to participate. For committee descriptions, please visit [www.abchouston.org](http://www.abchouston.org).

For more committee or membership information call (713) 523-6222. Or, stop by the ABC office at 3910 Kirby Drive, Suite 131 (just N of 59 in the Corporate Plaza III building).

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- Also included in your ABC dues investment:
- Subscription to ABC's national publication *Construction Executive*
- Subscription to the chapter's bi-monthly magazine *Build Houston*
- Listing in national online ABC Directory
- Listing in ABC Greater Houston's Membership Directory featured in *Build Houston*
- Discounts on craft training, safety training and skill assessments
- Discounts on Planroom copies and Virtual Planroom subscription via VBX.
- Access to employee benefits

**ABC dues may be partially deductible as a business expense. Your payment includes local, state and national dues. Credit for pre-paid months will be applied to your first annual dues billing.**



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**Make checks payable to:  
ABC Greater Houston**

## THE MERIT SHOP PHILOSOPHY

Associated Builders and Contractors is founded on the belief in the Merit Shop Philosophy. Our members are united in their commitment to the ideals of free enterprise. By equally representing prime contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers and industry associates, ABC is truly the voice of the industry.

Merit shop employers are not opposed to organized labor. They believe in their right to do business with whomever they choose - union or open shop.

ABC contractors believe strongly in their right to manage their companies and job sites free of coercion and artificial restraints. They believe workers should be hired and paid on the basis of individual merit.



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