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Meet the Generals
Crowne Plaza Hotel
King of Prussia, PA
Wednesday, August 27

Greetings!

Welcome to Merit News, a weekly newsletter brought to you by ABC SEPA.

ABC OFFERS ONLINE RESOURCES FOR VOTING IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS

With the 2008 elections less than 100 days away, there is no better time for ABC member companies to educate their employees about the issues that are important to the construction industry and to stress the importance of voting. To help with this, ABC currently provides online voting resources designed to encourage employees to register to vote.

ABC's online voting toolkit provides information on topics related to the upcoming elections and offers advice to employers on communicating with their employees about voting. The toolkit includes templates for letters that can be sent to employees directly; paycheck stuffers that can be attached to their paychecks; and bulletins encouraging them to vote that can be posted in a central location.

ABC also offers a short, four-minute video that explains the key issues in the 2008 election that will impact employers as well as employees and their families. The video can be shown to all employees at any ABC member company. In this critical election year, it is important that all ABC members are informed about the issues and are registered to vote.

To view ABC's online voting toolkit, visit www.abc.org/getoutthevote.

To view the "Election 2008: A Clear Choice" video, visit www.abc.org/clearchoice.

In the News

[ABC Official Responds to Letter, The Reporter, July 29, 2008.](#)

[Almac construction causes more upset, The Reporter, July 31, 2008.](#)

September Chapter Dinner Meeting

Sheraton Park Ridge
King of Prussia, PA
Wednesday, September 17

Check out the SEPA website, www.abcsepa.org, for the 2008 [calendar of events](#) where members can register online!

Welcome New Members!

Rogers Mechanical Co.

Phone: (610) 369-2791
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Boyertown, PA 19512
Joseph B. Rogers
Volume: Emerging Contractor
Specialty: Mechanical Contractor

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681 Harleysville Pike
PO Box 429
Lederach, PA 19450
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Alan Birnbrauer
Volume: Up to \$500,000
Specialty: Precast modular construction, specialty precast concrete contractor

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Volume: Associate
Specialty: Human resources consulting and outsourcing, employee and labor relations management

Voting

ABC Construction Spending Update

Private nonresidential construction reached another record high in June, according to the Aug. 1 construction spending report by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Spending hit \$408.1 billion, a 0.8 percent increase from May, on a monthly, seasonally-adjusted basis.

[For more on the Construction Spending update, click here.](#)

National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) on the Free Choice Act.

The NRSC has released a video on the Employee Free Choice Act.

[Click here to view the video.](#)

ABC Diversity Committee Announces Scholarship Award

The ABC SEPA Diversity Committee is proud to announce the recipient of our first Diversity Scholarship. Ronald Gambrell, an employee of AM Electric has been awarded a four year scholarship for the ABC Electrical Training Program. Ronald impressed committee members throughout the process and will continue to grow and become an even greater asset to ABC and his employer. AM Electric, owner Anthony Muhammad, who is a registered minority contractor, was very pleased and proud his employee will be the recipient of scholarship.

2008 Merit Construction Awards: Entry Forms - DUE TODAY! August 1, 2008

Entry forms are available online at www.abcsepa.org.
Final Deadline for Entry Binders - August 29, 2008
Project Judging Day - September 9, 2008
Annual Merit Construction Awards Banquet - November 19, 2008 (The Waterford Ballroom at the Radisson Valley Forge.

Resources for Employers

2008 is quickly becoming the most important voting year

to date for contractors. Check back each week to find resources to educate your employees on the issues that could affect their jobs.

The following 8.5" x 11" poster is available for you to print on your printer (best in color):

[Vote-It's Your Business](#)

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**Training Center Closing
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