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<http://www.abcsepa.org/EFCA.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact [Jeff](#) at the Chapter Office.

Important Dates:

[October Chapter Dinner
Meeting](#)

October 28

5:00 p.m.

Clarion Park Ridge Hotel

King of Prussia, PA

\$55 per person

[Awards of Excellence
Banquet](#)

Dear Tammy,

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

Show your Phillie's Pride

Wear your Phillie's gear to our next Chapter Dinner Meeting on October 28. This is our last networking event of the year. Be there by 5:00 p.m. and we will have you home in time for the game. For more information, or to register, visit www.abcsepa.org.



Construction Materials Prices Fall in September

"Though many markets continue to be battered by a lack of construction volume, contractors are benefiting from a period of relatively stable input prices, which allows for simpler pricing and bid submissions." -ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. Despite a modest gain in August, prices for construction materials and supplies decreased 0.4 percent in September, according to the October 20 producer price index (PPI) report by the U.S. Labor Department. Since September 2008, construction material prices are down 8.2 percent. [Click here](#) to read more.



Support Merit Friendly Candidate in Hatfield Township

Tom Zipfel of Worth and Company is running for Commissioner in the 4th Ward for Hatfield Township. This year's general election will be held on November 3, and voting will take place at Pennfield Middle School. Tom needs help with poll watchers on Election Day. If you are available, please contact Tom directly at 267-261-4529.



Tell Us Your Merit Construction Priorities

Each year, our chapter hosts a 1-day conference to review our goals and objectives for the following year. The attendees participate in a general session outlining our accomplishments from 2009 and a breakout session identifying the areas we will focus on in 2010. As a member, your voice is the most important. We need you to tell us your priorities in order to make SEPA even better in 2010. Please volunteer on November 5. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. To register, visit www.abcsepa.org.



November 18
5:00 p.m.
Waterford Ballroom
Raddison Valley Forge
\$100 per person

Check out the SEPA website,
www.abcsepa.org, for the
[2009 calendar of events](#)
where members can register
online!

Welcome New Members!

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OSHA Issues Proposed Revisions to Hazard Communications



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Sept. 30 released a proposed rule that will modify the existing Hazard Communication Standard. The proposed rule includes revised criteria for chemical hazard classification; revised and standardized labeling criteria that will include pictograms; and a specific format for safety data sheets. The revisions also contain requirements that will force every employer that currently has a hazard communication plan to train its employees on the new standard within two years of implementation of the final rule. To read the proposed rule, [click here](#).

Last Chance to Register for Stimulus Webinar

In this webinar, you will learn about how your company can successfully tap into the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus money through federal government contracting work. Join Reggie Jones and Steve Reed as they discuss the opportunities, obligations and pitfalls of federal government contracting work, including the federal bidding process and the rules and regulations in which you need to comply. The webinar will be held on Monday, October 26, at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$99 per person. For more information, visit <http://www.abc.org/stimuluswebinar>.



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