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

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

## Important Dates:

### 2010 Construction Industry Symposium

January 20, 2010  
7:30 a.m.  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
King of Prussia, PA  
\$40 per person  
\$50 per person  
after January 8

### Meet the Facility Manager

February 4, 2009  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
King of Prussia, PA

Dear Tammy,

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

**The Chapter Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Christmas Holiday. Have a safe and happy holiday season!**

-Jeff, John, Robin, Vince, Bettie, Bill, Sharon, Bernadette, Lorraine, Bob & Tammy

### Harry Alford, President & CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, on Glen Beck

Harry Alford, president and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce was featured on Glenn Beck's radio show this week to talk about discriminatory PLAs. [Click here to view the video.](#)



### Price of Construction Materials Rises in November

"Unfortunately, rising materials prices are likely to delay the segment's ultimate recovery." -ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. The price of construction materials and supplies rose 0.6 percent in November, the first increase in two months. That, according to the producer price index (PPI) report by the U.S. Labor Department. However, the overall price of construction materials remains 2.3 percent below levels from one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)



### 2010 Construction Industry Symposium

In an effort to broaden our reach, the Chapter is partnering with local associations to promote this year's 2010 Construction Industry Symposium scheduled for January 20, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia. The associations include the Philadelphia AIA, the Construction Financial Managers Association, The Carpenters Company and the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. The Chapter would like to thank these partners for their support. This year's event will feature two innovative speakers: **John Tocci, Tocci Building Corporation**, named one of the Top 25 News Makers by ENR will review the Integrated Project Delivery process. **Michael Clancy, FMI**, a leader in management consulting and investment



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### **Battle on the Delaware**

Flyers vs. Devils  
February 8, 2010  
Wachovia Center  
Philadelphia, PA  
\$75 per person  
\$85 per person after Jan. 15

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

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banking for the construction industry will explore the financial outlook for 2010. Sponsorships are available. Contact [Tammy](#) for more information.

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### **Congrats to NSEA Winner E. Allen Reeves, Inc.**

Special congratulations to E. Allen Reeves, Inc. for winning the 2009 ABC National Safety Excellence Award (NSEA). The Awards recognize companies whose safety performance and programs are judged to be exemplary by the ABC National Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) Committee and companies who exhibit a continued commitment to jobsite safety. Awards submissions were accepted from STEP Platinum winners only.



### **Wu & Associates, Inc. Featured on Green Construction at Work**

SEPA member Wu & Associates have been featured on the ABC National Green Construction at work website for their work on the Stryker Brigade Philadelphia Readiness Center & Field Maintenance Shop in Philadelphia, PA. The \$23 million project received a LEED® Certified status. [Click here to view.](#)



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