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Important Dates:

[SEPA Annual Golf Outing](#)

June 14

9:00 a.m.

Philadelphia Cricket Club

Cost: Starting at \$200 per person

[Todd Stephens for PA House of Representatives 151st District](#)

June 24

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ABC Chapter Office

Cost: \$100 per person or \$150 per couple

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Check out the SEPA website, www.abcsepa.org, for the [2010 calendar of events](#) where members

Dear Tammy,

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

Nonresidential Construction Employment Falls in May

"A combination of factors, including still tight credit and high commercial vacancy rates, conspired to reverse what had been growing construction employment momentum." -ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. Employment in the nation's nonresidential construction industry fell by 4,200 jobs in May after an across-the-board jobs gain the previous month, according to June 4 employment report by the U.S. Labor Department. Since May 2009, the nonresidential building construction sector has lost 55,400 jobs, or 7.5 percent, and the employment stands at 684,300. [Click here](#) to read more.



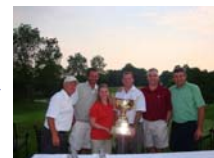
LegCon Day Trip

NO TOLLS, NO GAS, NO PARKING FEES! LUNCH PROVIDED! RIDE IN COMFORT-BRING YOUR EMPLOYEES! Join ABC members from throughout Pennsylvania to meet with elected officials on issues important to you. Let your voice be heard - we need to send a message about how important free enterprise is to Pennsylvania and America! Join us on June 16. The bus will leave from ABC SEPA office at 6:30 a.m. Cost is \$125 per person. Contact [John Judge](#) for more information.



ABC SEPA 23rd Annual Golf Outing

Register now! The ABC SEPA Golf Outing is on Monday, June 14, 2010 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Some new activities have been added this year as well, including a silent auction and a money ball drop! If you can't bring a co-worker, bring a client! Limited sponsorships are still available for the event. Your company will be recognized throughout the event, as well as mentioned during the events award banquet. [Click here](#) to pre-register your foursomes or sign up as a sponsor. Also, if you have any door prizes or silent auction donations please contact [Robin](#) at the Chapter Office. Thank you for your support!



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**Training Center Closing
Number: 1181**

MS Society Needs Belt Sanders for Race

The MS Society is looking for donations of electric belt sanders for Bertie's Belt sander race in Berks County, PA. They adapt the sanders by attaching wood 'seats' to the top, and people race them down a long wooden track. The event is immensely popular and they plan to raise \$200,000 for their 20th anniversary. Visit [Bertie's website](#) to view photos from the event. If you have a belt sander you can donate, contact Judi Simmons at Judi.Simmons@PAE.NMSS.ORG.



Mud Run Volunteers Needed

On June 12 ABC members will converge on Newtown Square for a 6 mile, military-style obstacle course called the [MS Mud Run](#).

Contestants will battle through bogs, scale 15 foot walls and traverse rough terrain all in the name of constructing a cure for MS. [Team ABC](#) is looking for sponsors to support this great cause and the MS Society is looking for [volunteers](#) to help with registration. Any help you can give to this great cause is greatly appreciated!



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