



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AND BENEFITS:

LEGISLATIVE CLOUT: ABC Texas Coastal Bend is known for its leadership role in shaping legislative and regulatory issues that affect your company at the local, state and national levels. We have several committees who are responsible for our legislative and PAC activities, as well as a state lobbyist, regional political action manager, state and national directors. Historically, ABC Texas Coastal Bend is recognized as one of the larger PAC contributors in the ABC network.

NETWORKING: ABC offers a minimum of 75 opportunities a year to network with other construction professionals and industry leaders through monthly membership meetings, seminars, committee meetings, and social events. Trying to reach that important general contractor, subcontractor, or supplier? Chances are that you'll find them at one of our functions.

- ◆ **Chapter Committees:** With over 15 active committees serving the ABC / TCB Chapter, there is sure to be one or two that will serve your interest and utilize your talents.
- ◆ **General Membership Luncheons:** The Programs Committee does an outstanding job securing speakers and offering programs that relate to you and your business. Not only do you get educated on local, regional and state issues, you are able to come meet our other ABC members.
- ◆ **Monthly Mixers:** Each month you and your associates are always invited to attend the "First Wednesday Mixer" where ABC members and friends can meet, socialize and network. Each mixer is sponsored by a different company making it a great marketing tool to get your company recognized.
- ◆ **Fundraising Events:** There are chapter fundraising events per year: The Casino & Luau, the Golf Tournament, and the Skeet & Trap Shoot. These events allow members to come together to support the Chapter and each offers unique sponsorships allowing you and your company to be noticed and recognized.
- ◆ **Family Fun Events:** ABC / TCB host family fun events where our members bring their families to socialize and network, i.e. Harbor Playhouse Night, annual Fishing Tournament.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: ABC provides strategic exposure for your company 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through internet links to your company listing on the ABC Texas Coastal Bend web site, www.ABCTCB.org. Your company will also be listed in the "Find a Contractor" search directory on the ABC National web site, www.ABC.org. These services are invaluable in today's global marketplace.

- ◆ **Project Plans Room Access:** The Chapter has a plans room that showcases area project plans. Partnering with Builders Exchange of Texas, our virtual plans room allows ABC members to view projects from around the state online.

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING: ABC Texas Coastal Bend provides project management, leadership, and safety training programs that are taught conveniently at the ABC office. ABC also offers craft training through our training arm, the Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend and safety training through the Contractors Safety Council, both offering discounts to ABC / TCB members. ABC also presents informative seminars on timely topics to our members.

- ◆ **Management Education:** The Management Education Committee coordinates management education and supervisory training programs to meet members' needs, including the monthly "ABC Lunch Break".
- ◆ **Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend:** Our new \$2,000,000 state of the art facility offers craft training in electrical, industrial painting, instrumentation, pipefitting, scaffolding, welding. ABC members are eligible to receive discounts on specific training. ABC scholarships are available for qualifying applicants.
- ◆ **Contractors Safety Council of the Coastal Bend:** Offering diverse training services for contractors to ensure proper safety training on the most common safety certification programs and can customize a program to fit your unique needs. ABC members are eligible to receive discounts on specific training.

FRINGE BENEFITS: ABC Texas Coastal Bend members qualify for a wide array of benefit programs including a competitively priced group health insurance, a workers' compensation dividend program, and affinity programs with nationally recognized companies.