



YOUR COMPETITIVE EDGE

Associated Builders and Contractors of Western PA is a local construction industry trade association representing commercial and industrial construction firms. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC helps members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work.

ADVOCATING FOR FREE ENTERPRISE

ABC is a powerhouse organization representing America's construction industry locally, state-wide and nationally. We value economic freedom with a free-market economy, with open and fair competition. We believe that projects should be awarded to the most qualified bidder based on merit, not mandates or political favoritism. ABC of Western PA is in the statehouse advocating for legislation that promotes and advances free enterprise and open competition.

"ABC of Western PA is a great investment that has helped my business grow through networking with general contractors who are looking for high quality subs."

*– Jason Lawrence, President,
Lawrence Plumbing LLC*

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OVERVIEW

Mandated Project Labor Agreements

- Allow access to open shop companies on PLAs stopping forced relationship and discriminatory projects

Apprenticeship Reform

- Equal access to supervisor-to-trainee ratios for non-signatory companies

Workforce Development

- Supporting pre-apprenticeship training in all trades at local Career & Technology Centers

CONNECT TO OPPORTUNITY

Whether you are starting out or a well-established business, business development is vital to giving your company the competitive edge.

- Monthly networking
- Meet the GC services
- Excellence in Construction Awards

EDUCATION, TRAINING & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Our PA registered apprenticeship program is geared toward giving passionate and hardworking individuals incredible careers in the construction industry.

The goal of our apprenticeship training is to allow these individuals to become skilled workers and craftspeople, learn a trade they can thrive in, and earn a great income in PA.

OVER 1,600 STUDENTS

in our apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs.

11 LOCAL CTCs

sponsored by us and trained with the NCCER curriculum.

Sponsored Trades

- Electrical
- Carpentry
- Sheet Metal
- Roofer
- Sprinkler Fitters
- Bricklayer
- Construction Craft Labor

REASONS TO JOIN

- **Referrals:** Local contractor referrals for out of town developers and contractors.
- **Training your workforce:** NCCER certified craft training & apprenticeship programs and pre-apprenticeship programs.
- **Educate your managers & supervisors:** Safety training including OSHA, silica awareness, confined space, CPR/first aid and Crew Leadership Training for PMs, Supervisors and Superintendents.
- **Voice of the merit shop:** Educates the public and local officials about open shop construction.
- **Keeps the government off your back:** ABC keeps you informed of legislation affecting you.
- **Handles your labor problems:** Chapter sponsored legal services protect your business.
- **Saves your business money:** Programs include PA One Call, Fleet programs through Nissan, GMC, Ford & Enterprise, Verizon Wireless, The Contractors Plan and many more.
- **Helps you network:** Opportunities to meet with many other firms at monthly events and education programs.
- **Promotes & recognizes your work:** Excellence in Construction Awards program.

"I get so much work from being a part of ABC. The references that are provided have grown my business substantially."

- Jason Boyd, Owner, Hampton Mechanical, Inc.

