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MONTHLY MEMBER NEWS

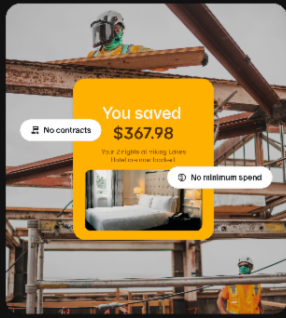
August 2026

Let Engine Help Remove the Headache From Business Travel

**Engine**

TAKE CONTROL OF CREW TRAVEL

Centralize crew travel, simplify billing, and keep project costs visible with **one platform** built for construction teams.



Engine is an exclusive network of hotels, airlines and car rental options and it's free and easy to create an account. Access up to 26% off lodging compared to public rates, at over 750,000 properties worldwide.

Hotel Engine's simple, flexible and intuitive platform helps more than 40,000 businesses simplify all aspects of their lodging program, from booking to billing and beyond with the following:

- Direct billing – just one invoice for all bookings
- No upfront payments
- Flexibility – last-minute cancellations/changes are easy and painless
- Pre-negotiation – Engine can negotiate with specific hotels for an upcoming project
- Loyalty points – apply with any booking

[Learn more](#) about ABC's Hotel Engine Program.

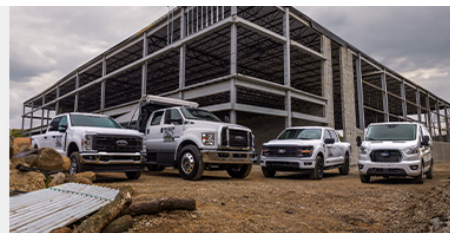
New Ford Program for ABC Members

JOIN AMERICA'S LARGEST FLEET*

ABC members receive special pricing incentives on select vehicles.**

*Based on S&P Catalyst for Insight, Total Fleet registrations, Cars-Truck combined CY 2025. **See dealer for details.





ALL NEW Ford discount program

Built Ford Tough[®] vehicles are engineered for the long haul. With many models featuring best-in-class towing, military-grade materials, and cutting-edge technology, a Ford vehicle is more than just transportation — it's a dependable tool built to help your business succeed. Whether it's a F-150, Super Duty or Transit van, Ford Pro[™] has the right vehicle for you.

This program gives ABC members the opportunity to save thousands below invoice! Even a single vehicle purchase will qualify.

Simply contact your local Ford dealer or your Enterprise Fleet Management representative to take advantage of the savings.

Visit abc.org/ford to learn about the incentives and see all eligible vehicles!.

View the Ford Flyer [here](#).

Board of Directors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Zach Lahn**

Republican gubernatorial candidate Zach Lahn met with members of the ABC of Iowa Board of Directors at the Board's August meeting. Lahn shared his vision for Iowa, including a focus on keeping young people in Iowa to grow the future workforce. Board members had the opportunity to discuss key points with Lahn, including that Iowa's construction workforce is nearly 90% merit shop. Board members explained to Lahn our merit shop focused on four core principles:

1. **Free Enterprise:** Open and fair market competition drives innovation, efficiency, and better results for projects.
2. **Workplace Choice:** Employees have the legal right to work and join, or choose not to join, a labor union without discrimination or coercion.
3. **Performance-Based Advancement:** Hiring, pay raises, and promotions depend on an individual's skills, effort, and productivity.
4. **Fair Bidding on Public Funds:** Government and taxpayer-funded contracts should be awarded based on merit and the lowest responsible bidder, without mandates requiring specific union agreements.

Zach Lahn (top of picture, under monitor) speaks with members of the ABC of Iowa Board of Directors.



Zach Lahn is welcomed to the August ABC of Iowa Board of Directors meeting by ABC of Iowa Board Chair Rusty Rohe, Dahl Air Conditioning & Heating.



Department News

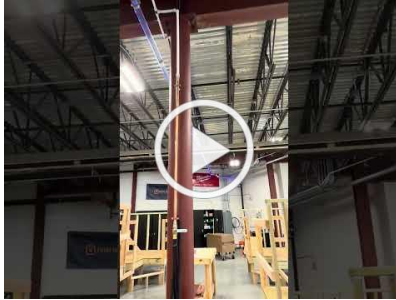
APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING TRUST BOARD

- **Updating the Grimes Lab**

Our instructors and ABC of Iowa staff spent a lot of time updating and organizing the Grimes lab in preparation for the upcoming school year. A big thank you to everyone who helped for all their hard work!

Check out the photos and video below showing some before and after the updates!



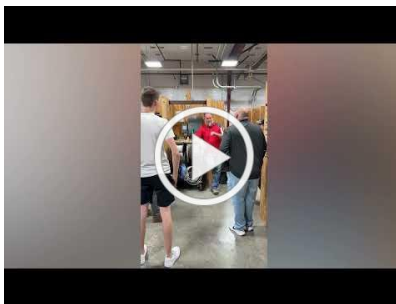


- **Grimes Open House**

Here's a glimpse of the 2026 Associated Builders and Contractors of Iowa Grimes Open House!

Attendees had the opportunity to tour our newly constructed HVAC, Sheet Metal, and Plumbing training stations while connecting with ABC of Iowa staff, instructors, members, and Board of Directors.

Thank you to everyone who joined us!



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Registration for our Fall 2026 PAC Clay Shoots is open:

- [Central Iowa \(Pella\)](#) - Thursday, September 24
- [Eastern Iowa \(Riverside\)](#) - Thursday, October 1

Donate to PAC

Merit shop contractors have greatly benefited from elected leaders who support our industry and our values. With that support, we've been able to pass important legislation protecting contractors from local government preferences toward union labor and increase apprentice ratios to 3:1. As we transition to a focus on the election, that includes raising money for our State PAC. To make a donation, click [here](#).



MEMBERSHIP

- **Member Discounts**

To view all the Business Partner Discounts, click [here](https://abc.org/discounts).

- **Job Board (for Contractor Members)**

Are you looking to hire? Use our [Job Board](https://abc.org/job-board) and make a posting today!

START SAVING TODAY

abc.org/discounts

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MEASURE. STRENGTHEN. BUILD.

Begin Your Journey

SAFETY

- **Reminder: Renew your STEP applications for 2026**

...or [apply](#) for the first time! [Call Tom](#) – he will explain the importance of getting safety recognition for your organization! OR you can watch this [video](#) of Tom explaining the importance of STEP.

- **Lunch & Learns**

The topic for this year's four Lunch & Learns will be scissor lift safety, including information on the daily walkaround inspection that should be completed before operation. Details, including location, address, and time are listed below:

- **Wednesday, September 30**
 - Star Equipment, Ltd
 - 1401 2nd Ave, Des Moines, IA 50314
 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Thursday, October 1**
 - Star Equipment, Ltd
 - 2100 E Lincoln Wy, Ames, IA 50010
 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Wednesday, October 14**
 - River Cities Engineering
 - 323 Research Parkway, Davenport, IA 52806
 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Thursday, October 15**
 - Star Equipment, Ltd
 - 2950 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

You can register for each Lunch & Learn under 'Events.'

EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (10 AM - 4:00 PM)

Fall Golf Classic

The Legacy Golf Club
400 Legacy Parkway, Norwalk, IA 50211

REGISTER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 (9 AM - 3:30 PM)

2026 NEC Update (Grimes)

ABC of Iowa - Grimes
3100 SE Enterprise Dr., Grimes, IA 50111

REGISTER

TUESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 & SEPTEMBER 24 (5 PM - 8:00 PM)

2026 NEC Update (Davenport)

ABC of Iowa - Davenport
5000 Tremont Avenue Building 100, Suite 100., Davenport, IA 52807

REGISTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (12 PM - 4:30 PM)

Central Iowa - PAC Clay Shoot

Black Oak Clays
1243 180th St., Pella, IA 50219

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)

Lunch & Learn - Des Moines

Star Equipment, Ltd
1401 2nd Ave., Des Moines, IA 50314

REGISTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 (12 PM - 4:30 PM)
Eastern Iowa - PAC Clay Shoot
Highland Hideaway Hunting
3127 160th St., Riverside, IA 52327

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Lunch & Learn - Ames
Star Equipment, Ltd
2100 E Lincoln Wy., Ames, IA 50010

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Lunch & Learn - Cedar Rapids
Star Equipment, Ltd
2950 6TH SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 (9 AM - 12:00 PM)
Improving Your Personal Productivity
ABC of Iowa - Grimes
3100 SE Enterprise Dr., Grimes, IA 50111

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (8 AM - 3:00 PM)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (8 AM - 3:00 PM)
Field Leader Bootcamp
ABC of Iowa - Grimes
3100 SE Enterprise Dr., Grimes, IA 50111

REGISTER

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

ABC of Iowa extends a warm welcome to the following:

- **Ardent Lighting Group**, Knoxville, IA
- **Arrow Home Services LLC**, Galena, IL
- **Emily's Electric**, West Branch, IA
- **Hirst Plumbing & Mechanical Services Inc.**, East Moline, IL
- **Hull Electric**, Sherrard, IL
- **Infrastructure Engineering, Inc.**, Ankeny, IA
- **Jacksonville Hardware, Inc.**, Harlan, IA
- **Lincoln Savings Bank**, Des Moines, IA
- **Mid Iowa Mechanical Services LLC**, Fort Dodge, IA
- **Phipps Mechanical**, Indianola, IA
- **Precision Electric LLC**, Cumming, IA
- **Reichert Electric**, Tipton, IA
- **Seneca Companies**, Des Moines, IA
- **Southern Iowa Mechanical**, Corydon, IA
- **The Eastern Iowa Airport**, Cedar Rapids, IA
- **Turtlebirds Electric**, Bouton, IA

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