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MONTHLY MEMBER NEWS

September 2026

ABC of Iowa Celebrates Wins for Workers Found in First-Ever Data Study on Multiskilled Construction

GRIMES, IOWA, Sept. 3—Associated Builders and Contractors of Iowa today applauded the release of Multiskilling in the U.S. Construction Industry, the largest national dataset documenting the relationship between multiskilling labor strategies and performance outcomes, including productivity, staffing levels and schedule durations. Among other findings, the research showed that multiskilling increased the share of crew time spent on directly advancing construction work by 39%.

To read the rest of the release, click [here](#).

To watch the launch event recording or to see more information, click [here](#).

Let Engine Help Remove the Headache From Business Travel

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.

Board of Directors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- At the September 16th ABC of Iowa Board of Directors meeting, board members voted to NOT increase ABC of Iowa dues for 2027!

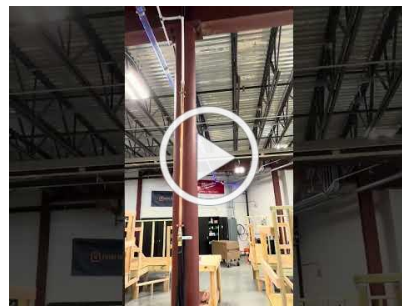
Department News

APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING TRUST BOARD

- **School is in Session!**

The first day of classes for our apprentices was Monday, September 14, at our Grimes location. Around 1,135 apprentices are enrolled in classes between our locations!

In case you missed it, check out the photos and video below showing some before and after our Grimes Training Center updates!



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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

- **Fall Golf Classic**

On Wednesday, September 16, we held our annual Fall Golf Classic at The Legacy Golf Course in Norwalk, IA!

The course may have been a little wet from the rain, but that didn't stop us from enjoying a great day of golf and time with our members!

Congratulations to the winners of the day, who now have bragging rights until the next time we hit the course!

🏆 Contest Winners

Hole #1: Longest Putt on the Green – Grant Reimers

Hole #6: Closest to the Line on Drive – Justin Warnock

Hole #7: Closest to the Pin on 1st Shot – Travis Herman

Hole #11: Longest Drive in Fairway – James Boyd

🏆 1st Flight

1st Place: Zac Doyel, Derek Drees, Eric Kaub, and Sean Culligan

2nd Place (Tie): Chris Goulding, Ryan Brockway, Brian Schwenker, and Jeremy Hauge

2nd Place (Tie): Brad Natzke, Tom Loussaert, Tyler Trenary, and Luke Schlitzer

🏆 2nd Flight

1st Place: Joel Lanning, Dusty Sheets, Mitch Erickson, and James Boyd

2nd Place: Kevin Jones, Thomas Martin, Brandon Burkhart, and Ben Sansgaard

Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you again to everyone who joined us for another great Fall Golf Classic!





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- **Member Discounts**
To view all the Business Partner Discounts, click [here](#).
- **Job Board (for Contractor Members)**
Are you looking to hire? Use our [Job Board](#) and make a posting today!



SAFETY

- **Lunch & Learns**
The topic for this year's 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, 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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 & 10 (8 AM - 2:30 PM)
Electrical Exam Prep - Grimes
ABC of Iowa - Grimes
3100 SE Enterprise Drive, Grimes, IA 50011

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)

Lunch & Learn - Davenport

River Cities Engineering
323 Research Parkway, Davenport, IA 52806

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)

Lunch & Learn - Cedar Rapids

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 (9 AM - 12:00 PM)

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

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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

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SATURDAY, December 12 & 19 (8 AM - 2:30 PM)

Electrical Exam Prep - Grimes

ABC of Iowa - Grimes
3100 SE Enterprise Drive, Grimes, IA 50011

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

Holiday Party & 2026 Annual Meeting

Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel
1800 50th St., West Des Moines, IA 50266

REGISTER

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

ABC of Iowa extends a warm welcome to the following:

- **Ethington Heating & Cooling**, Marshalltown, IA
- **Jackson Generator and Home Services**, East Moline, IL
- **Loenbro LLC**, Cedar Rapids, IA
- **Norsemen Electric Co.**, Story City, IA
- **Service Reps, Inc**, Grimes, IA

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