

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ABC CENTRAL MICHIGAN WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

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LAUX CONSTRUCTION Laux Construction, LLC was established in 1997 by David Laux and it continues to grow as a trusted name in the building industry in the Greater Lansing area. Laux Construction offers a variety of construction services including post-frame construction, residential remodeling /additions, and a wide range of commercial construction services. From the initial design of your project to the last details of construction, Laux Construction will provide you with the expertise necessary to bring your concept to completion. For more information, check out their website by visiting: <http://lauxconstruction.com>

Irwin Union Bank They're not the new kid on the block. Irwin Union Bank traces its roots back 137 years when it was founded by Joseph I. Irwin in Columbus, Indiana. The Bank has served stakeholders across three centuries by managing through periods of both economic turmoil and growth. They have long-held traditions of integrity, personalized service, local management and financial solutions tailored to meet clients needs. These traditions, combined with financial management responsive to current economic realities and the changing needs of our clients, help position Irwin Union Bank to weather short-term storms in the financial markets. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.irwinunion.com>

Would you like to attend the 2009 Construction Education Conference in Las Vegas?

This conference, held April 15-17, features leading topics in project and business management, training, safety, and mechanical and electrical contracting, providing you with a powerful return on your investment. Get ready for three action-packed days! You will hear from top industry leaders about timely issues, training methods and innovative strategies that will impact your company, your employees and the industry. You will take back tangible resources, information and data to benefit your company's future success, expand your knowledge base and improve your bottom line.

For more information please call Russ Cunningham at 517-394-4481.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Irwin Union Bank Membership Mixer, April 23, 4pm-6pm

The Blue Book "BB Bid"

Seminar, May 6 — General Contractors: 1-2:30pm, Subcontractors: 3-4:30pm
 Meet & Greet 2:30pm-3:00pm

2009 Construction Education Conference—Las Vegas, NV

2009 Legislative Conference
 April 30, 10:30am-4:00pm
 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing

For registration details visit: <http://www.abccmc.org>

For more information on our conferences go to: <http://www.abc.org>

Upcoming 2009
ABC Central Michigan
Meetings

- National Review and Board of Directors
April 28, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
May 19, 11:45am
- Board of Directors
June 30, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
July 28, 11:30am
- Board of Directors
August 25, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
September 29, 11:30am
- Board of Directors
October 27, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
November 24, 11:30am
- Board of Directors
December 29, 3:30pm

Get Involved

ABC is against Ingham County PLA's. Let your voice be heard. Go to protectinghamjobs.org and sign the petition.

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ABC SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION SPENDING IN STIMULUS PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today expressed its strong support for the construction infrastructure spending in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1). The stimulus package contains more than \$160 billion in infrastructure funding for the construction of federal buildings, schools, highways, bridges, workforce development, and additional programs.

“We stand ready to help pull our nation out of this recession. There are specific projects in this legislation that should be selected for the long lasting economic benefit, not for the political ramifications,” said 2009 ABC National Chairman Jerry Gorski, president of Gorski Engineering, Inc., Collegeville, Pa. “Associated Builders and Contractors’ 25,000 members nationwide can put this stimulus money to work immediately while getting their employees back to work.

“We are disappointed that the funding in this legislation requires the use of antiquated Davis-Bacon Act wage requirements on all projects,” said Gorski. “However, we are prepared to work with President Obama’s administration to ensure that all construction contractors have an equal opportunity to compete for future federal and federally funded construction contracts and to protect taxpayers from costly and discriminatory union-only project labor agreements.”

For More information click: <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Labor/wm2253.cfm>

\$163 Billion in Infrastructure Spending Proposed in Stimulus Bill

Federal Buildings Infrastructure Funding	\$ 54.88
Transportation Infrastructure Funding	43.75
Energy Funding	42.10
Water/Enviro Infrastructure Funding	17.42
Workforce Funding	4.88
Total:	\$163.03 Billion

As you can see from the above numbers, the dollar amount intended to be injected into the construction industry is significant and will undoubtedly be beneficial to many ABC member companies in this time of economic turmoil. In addition, it is important to point out that currently this funding is absent of any union-only project labor agreement (PLA) requirements. Unfortunately, the funding requires the use of Davis-Bacon Act wage requirements on all projects outlined in this legislation. However, seeing that these are Federal dollars, DB would already be required on 99% of the projects. It is unfortunate that the DB requirements will drive up the cost of these projects but it does not take away from the fact that the projects funded through this piece of legislation will benefit many of our members across the nation.