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TRAINING MATERIAL DEVELOPED FOR CRAFT WORKERS' FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE OF GREEN CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPLES --

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) has developed the curriculum, titled "Your Role in the Green Environment," to provide fundamental instruction in the green environment, green construction practices, and green building rating systems. The NH/VT Chapter of ABC is an accredited sponsor of the NCCER program. The primary purpose is to provide craft professionals an awareness and knowledge of green construction principles and methodologies.

The 15 hour introductory course introduces the Green Building rating systems and helps identify construction activities that contribute to a project's rating, and addresses common construction pitfalls to avoid. The course has been recognized and endorsed by both the U.S. Green Building Council and Green Advantage.

Students successfully completing Your Role in the Green Environment through an Accredited Training Sponsor will earn industry recognized credentials through the NCCER National Registry. Contact the ABC Chapter office for further information.

PER EMPLOYEE PENALTIES PROPOSED BY OSHA IN PPE RULE --

ABC filed comments with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) expressing concerns regarding a proposed rule that would allow employers to be held liable on a per employee basis for failing to provide the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and training to workers. ABC noted in its comments that it supported the spirit behind the rule, but could not support the rule because it failed to define the circumstance in which an employer would be subjected to the per employee penalties. ABC pointed out that the rule, as currently written, could be interpreted to mean that all PPE and training violations would be subjected to per employee penalties although OSHA insists that it would only apply to flagrant violations. The final rules regulatory language needs to be revised to make absolutely clear that the more expansive interpretation is not intended and cannot arise out of the rulemaking.

The proposed rule also fails to provide guidance on what will be considered appropriate

documentation for proving that an employee has completed the required training. The final rule should also include specific guidance on what evidence OSHA will require employers to provide in order to document that the requisite training has in fact been provided. ABC will expand its position on the comments during a public hearing at the Department of Labor, in Washington, D.C.

OCTOBER 2008 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES --

SAFETY

Scaffolding Safety	10/22
10-Hr. OSHA "B", Concord NH	10/16
10-Hr. OSHA "A", WRJct VT	10/23

CRAFT TRAINING COURSE

Intro to Blueprint Reading	10/14	STARTS
Concrete Forms	10/20	STARTS
Interior Finishes - Trim	10/22	STARTS
Reading Plans & Elevations	10/28	STARTS

SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATE COURSES

Basic Structural Principles	10/14	STARTS
Project Cost Controls	10/16	STARTS

LEADERSHIP / MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

LEED - Prep for the Exam (2 of 3)	10/14	
Future Leaders in Construction	10/15	STARTS
Hiring, Bldg & Retaining Talent	10/21	STARTS

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Th 02	7:30AM	10-Hr OSHA - Part B / WRJct, VT
T 14	8:00AM	LEED Trng - Exam Prep - 2 of 3
	3:00PM	Basic Structural Principles - Begins
	4:00PM	Intro to Blueprint Reading - 1 of 2
W 15	8:30AM	Excellence Comm Mtg @ HAS
	8:30AM	Future Leaders in Construction - Begins
Th 16	7:30AM	10-Hr OSHA - Part B / Concord
	3:00PM	Board Meeting @ Centennial Inn
	3:00PM	Project Cost Controls - Begins
T 21	8:00AM	Hiring, Bldg & Retaining Talent - 1 of 2
W 22	7:30 AM	Scaffolding Safety
	8:30 AM	Member Involvement Committee
Th 23	7:30AM	10-Hr OSHA - Part A / WRJct, VT
	5:30PM	Member Meeting @ The Event Center
T 28	8:00AM	LEED Trng - Exam Prep - 3 of 3