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**ABC Launches Green Building
Resource Webpage**

ABC has developed and posted a Green Building resource web page for its members. As the construction industry experiences surges in "green" construction project, ABC is offering national work shops, online training and online testing programs as well as resource guides.

ABC has partnered with the U.S. Green Building Council to offer online Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation to offer *Essentials of LEED Professional Accreditation; LEED 101: Green Building Basics; and Introduction to LEED for Schools*. ABC has also published a members' Green Building Resource Guide available to member at their regional Empires State office or online at www.abc.org/greenbuilding .

Speaking of Green Building, register now for the 6th Annual Green Building Conference, being held on March 26 and 27 at the Oncenter in Syracuse, NY. For more information, including registration information, visit www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2008/gbc/ .

**Assembly Minority Hosting Statewide Forums on
Lowering of Construction Industry Costs**

The Assembly Republican Conference has scheduled a series of statewide forums about legislation that they believe would lower construction industry costs and help to create jobs. The next scheduled meeting is hosted by Steering Committee Chairman Bill Reilich and Assemblyman Lou Tobacco on Thursday, March 6th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Community Board 3 on Staten Island .

ABC is urging the Governor and all Legislators to help the construction industry by reforming New York 's infamous "Scaffold Law." The "Scaffold Law" imposes absolute liability on employers, general contractors and site owners, regardless of their own culpability.

This forum will also provide contractors an opportunity to discuss their opposition Wicks Law reform and the proposed sections including PLAs and mandated apprenticeship programs. This meeting will also allow for conversations about prevailing wage and mandated apprenticeship requirements on IDA legislation.

Make sure your voice is heard!

For further information please contact Scott Zylka, Empire State Chapter Government Affairs Director at zylka@abcnys.org

**ATTENTION PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS –
ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW WORKER NOTIFICATION LAW???**

As we've been reporting for the last several months, the Worker Notification Law, which was signed into law late in August 2007 became effective on Sunday, February 24, 2008. This law requires hourly classification and wage rate information to be detailed out on a worker's paycheck stub (or an attachment to the paycheck) for all public work hours that worker worked during that pay period. The information MUST include hourly benefit payments IF AND ONLY IF the benefit payments are being paid to the worker in the paycheck as opposed to being contributed to a benefit plan on behalf of the worker.

In addition, this new law requires the posting on every public works job site of an informational poster for workers designed and made available to public works contractors on the NYSDOL website at <http://www.labor.state.ny.us/workerprotection/publicwork/PWWhat'sNewInPublicWork.shtm> . According to DOL Bureau of Public Work Director Chris Alund, that posting can be in the work truck or in the gang box if there is no appropriate or available posting area on the site, but there must be general access to this notice for all of your workers on your public work jobsite. If you have questions about compliance with this new law, please contact your ABC regional representative listed above.

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