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**ConsensusDOCS is now open for business.**

ABC is proud to announce the launch of **ConsensusDOCS**, a new online service where ABC members can search for and purchase more than 70 standard construction contracts and forms. It is the product of collaboration by a diverse group of 20 construction associations including ABC, and represents the first time that broad industry representation has had an equal voice in drafting construction contracts.

ConsensusDOCS is unique because each document was drafted to reflect the project's best interests, rather than a single-party interest. These cutting-edge contracts and forms address all project delivery methods from design-bid-build through a new innovative collaborative agreement, as well as emerging issues such as electronic communications and building information modeling.

**ABC members are eligible for discounted rates on the ConsensusDOCS contracts and forms.** To access the ConsensusDOCS website, go to [www.abc.org/DOCS](http://www.abc.org/DOCS)

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Tax & Financial Planning Conference**

Dannible & McKee, LLP, certified public accountants and consultants located in Syracuse, have announced the Year 2007 logistics and details for their annual accounting conference scheduled for **November 8, 2007** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Syracuse, NY.

This conference has been held for 30 years running, and each year provides invaluable information on a handful of tax and accounting issues which require special attention. During the 2007 conference, you will learn about the 'hot tax issues' related to federal income taxes; corporate performance management; corporate financial reporting and governance...and more!

**For more information or to request a registration form, call Cynthia Erne at ABC, 1-800-477-7743.**

**GM – Offering ABC Members Great Vehicles at Great Prices!**

**Every construction company needs vehicles. Are you taking advantage of your ABC membership, and saving \$\$, when you make your vehicle purchases??**

General Motors (GM) is proud to be the exclusive automotive manufacturer of ABC. Based on the business partnership with ABC, GM provides a private and very substantial incentive to members on most vehicles. **Here are some details:**

- ✓ GM discount savings range from \$500 on new cars to \$2000 on vans. This incentive is 'stackable' and can be combined with other GM incentives, thus increasing the savings even more for many members (i.e. companies with fleets; etc.)
- ✓ Offer applies to the purchase or lease of most new 2007 model-year passenger cars, vans, SUV's or light-duty trucks.
- ✓ Offer applies to both fleet and non-fleet purchases made by December 31, 2007. Any and all ABC members are eligible for the discounts regardless of the number of vehicles a company currently has in stock.

**PREPARE for 2008** and save money **RIGHT NOW** on those vehicle purchases you know you will need. **Don't put it off even one more day!**

For more information on how to take advantage of this private offer, visit: <http://abc.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=6365>



These and many other vehicles are available. **Give GM a try TODAY!**

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## **New Law Requires OSHA Ten Hour Construction Safety Training – ABC Offering Training for FREE!**

On July 18, 2007, Governor Spitzer signed into law an act that ***requires all laborers, workers, and mechanics*** employed on any public works construction, reconstruction, maintenance and/or repair projects costing \$250,000 ***to be certified as having completed the OSHA 10-hour safety course, prior to performing the work.***

ABC stands ready to assist you in complying with this new law, effective July 18, 2008, by offering **FREE** OSHA 10 hour and 30 hour Construction Training courses in each region. The monies for this training are being provided through a grant awarded to ABC from the NYS Hazard Abatement Board Occupational Safety & Health Training Program.

Promotion materials and registration information has been mailed to all ABC members. A summary schedule of the OSHA 10 hour and 30 hour training courses is provided below. **Here is some important information you need to know before you register:**

- ✓ Each region is offering three of the 10 hours safety course, and one of the 30 hour safety course. Some classes are scheduled to be completed in one day, and other classes may be scheduled and completed over several days.
- ✓ A company can enroll a maximum of six employees in any course. Enrollment will occur on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.
- ✓ Any and all registrations must include employee names. 'TBD's' will not be accepted as confirmed enrollments.
- ✓ Cancellations must be made in writing 5 business days prior to the class date. Failure to notify ABC of any cancellations will result in a \$100 'no-show' fee charged to the company.
- ✓ In the event an employee must cancel, substitutions will be allowed. Please notify ABC of any substitutions in writing, prior to the class.

**For information on course registrations and other logistics, please call the ABC Education Department at 1-800-477-7743.**

### **Summary of OSHA 10 and 30 Training Schedule**

#### **ENY Region**

**OSHA 10 Hour: 10/27/07; 12/14/07; 2/15/08**

**OSHA 30 Hour: 10/ 29 - 31/07 & 11/ 01/07**

#### **CNY Region**

**OSHA 10 Hour: 08/30/07; 10/25/07; 2/7/08**

**OSHA 30 Hour: 11/6 - 9/07**

#### **Rochester Region**

**OSHA 10 Hour: 10/22 - 24/07; 1/14/08; 3/10/08**

**OSHA 30 Hour: 02/11 - 13/08**

#### **WNY Region**

**OSHA 10 Hour: 11/5/07 & 11/12/07; 1/12/08; 3/3/08 & 3/10/08**

**OSHA 30 Hour: 01/12/08 & 01/19/08 & 1/26/08**

#### **LI/Metro Region**

**OSHA 10 Hour: 10/1/07 & 10/03/07; 12/3 - 4/07; 1/28 - 29/08**

**OSHA 30 Hour: 03/11 - 14/08**

### **QUICK TIPS from OSHA**

Did you know that scaffolding accidents are one of the leading causes of injuries and deaths at American workplaces. In fact, scaffolding is the single most frequently OSHA-cited construction safety standard.

To mitigate scaffolding accidents, OSHA recommends these tips for employees:

- ✓ Before using a scaffold, test its durability using at least four times the amount of weight it is intended to support.
- ✓ Equip all open sides of a scaffold with protective guardrails.
- ✓ Keep scaffolds at least 10 feet away from electric power lines.
- ✓ Inspect the rigging on suspension scaffolds frequently-OSHA requirements call for an inspection at least once per work shift.

OSHA's Safety and Health Topics Page for Scaffolding is a resource that employers and employees can use to understand the OSHA regulations applicable to scaffolding. Other resources include the Supported Scaffold Safety Tips and Supported Scaffold Inspection Tips Quick Cards. For more information on scaffolding and other OSHA Quick Tips visit: [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

### **ABC WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST**

The 'Trust' you can depend upon. To confirm your eligibility for lower workers' compensation costs, call Reller Risk Management: (315) 432-8210