

How The World Of Construction Impacts You

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(NAPSA)—The world of construction impacts all of our lives. It is all around us. And now there's a Web site that gives you an inside perspective on this dynamic industry.

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) sponsors this site. ABC is a national association with 82 chapters and 23,000 member construction and constructionrelated firms that employ approximately one million construction craft professionals nationwide.

ABC contractors build many of the office buildings, shopping centers, bridges and churches that make up our communities and which you see every day.

ABC members have worked on high profile projects such as the National Holocaust Museum, the set for the movie *Titanic*, Opryland USA, the George Bush Presidential Library and the Centennial Olympics stadium in Atlanta.

By visiting the Web site, you can learn about award-winning construction projects built across America every year. You will also learn about ways that ABC is leading the construction industry in creating safe and productive workplaces. As a national construction safety partner with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, ABC is leading the way in jobsite safety for the construction industry.

On the Web site, you can explore the latest news about the construction industry and information on congressional legislation and federal regulations impacting small businesses and their employees.

Young people can access information about educational and



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training opportunities that can put them on the path to a successful long-term career in the construction industry. Parents can explore the range of career options available to a new generation of craft professionals.

ABC offers state-of-the-art training to apprentices and craft trainees across the country, training that builds long-term careers while ensuring that projects are completed with the highest levels of craftsmanship and safety.

For firms seeking construction services, ABC offers a search directory of contractors across America who can create highquality, award-winning projects, on-time and under budget (www.findcontractors.com).

Check out an ABC chapter near you and touch base to learn more about opportunities in the construction industry. Or visit the ABC Web site at www.abc.org.