

**NAWB, ABC ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN CONSTRUCTION  
WORKFORCE ALIGNMENT WITH INDUSTRY NEEDS**

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) are pleased to announce a partnership that will strengthen the relationship between workforce development boards and the labor needs of the construction industry workforce. The partnership is centered on raising awareness of opportunities for collaboration that will help workforce development boards and industry meet their shared objectives:

- Building strong relationships between the construction industry and its network of chapters nationwide and workforce development boards and their one-stop centers.
- Increasing use of ABC training and certification programs that match industry workforce needs and helping workforce development boards place more clients in the construction industry.
- Sharing information and best practices to promote careers in construction and economic growth.

“NAWB is pleased to partner with the Associated Builders and Contractors and to mutually support and engage each of our organizations to provide employment opportunities in the building and construction industry,” said Ron Painter, CEO of NAWB. “We know how critical it is for workforce development boards to have the information, support and engagement of industry if they are to address both individual and local economic needs. The partnership with ABC will help the workforce development system meet the needs of the building and construction industry.”

“ABC members see the public workforce system as a vital, industry-driven talent development opportunity for the 500,000 jobs that are available in the construction industry today. With that in mind, we are extremely excited to partner with NAWB and help their members connect workforce boards with to industry employers, training programs, credentials and in-demand careers,” said Mike Bellaman, CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors.

Information on the industry will be regularly shared with the workforce development boards through NAWB publications, podcasts, conferences and a website that highlights opportunities in the construction industry. Likewise, information on how to effectively connect and work with the boards will be shared by ABC with its members across the country.

**About National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)**

*The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) supports its members through a comprehensive program of advocacy, training and technical assistance, communication, and the promotion of strategic partnerships for the advancement of our nation’s workforce. For more information on NAWB, visit [www.nawb.org](http://www.nawb.org), and to see how investments in workforce development keep Americans working, go to [WorkforceInvestmentWorks.com](http://WorkforceInvestmentWorks.com).*

**About Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)**

*Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national construction industry trade association representing nearly more than 21,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 70 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work.*

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