

# 20



Associated Builders and Contractors<sup>®</sup>

**Florida  
East Coast**

# 24

YEAR IN

**SUCCESS**

# CODE OF ETHICS

Members of Associated Builders and Contractors will strive to observe the following principles in the conduct of their businesses:



Maintain a standard of performance that meets the owner's expectations and fulfills the contractor's obligations.

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Quote only realistic prices and completion dates and perform accordingly.

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Cooperate to the fullest extent with the architect and/or engineer, and other agents of the owner toward fulfillment of a common goal.

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Solicit quotations only from firms with whom they are willing to do business.

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Make all payments promptly within the terms of the contract.

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Observe and foster the highest standards of safety and working conditions.

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Establish realistic wage schedules for employees commensurate with their ability and their industry so that they may enjoy the dignity to which they are entitled.

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Actively participate in the education of skilled craft professionals for the future welfare of the Merit Shop industry.



# LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Members and Partners,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for our community's remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication. 2024 was a year of growth, innovation, and resilience for the Associated Builders and Contractors Florida East Coast. In short, a year of success.

Our members have demonstrated exceptional commitment to excellence, safety, and collaboration, resulting in numerous successful projects that have significantly contributed to the development and prosperity of our region. We have seen a surge in membership, expanded our workforce development programs, and enhanced our advocacy efforts, ensuring our voices are heard at the local, state, and national levels.

One of our standout accomplishments was the launch of the Workforce Development Initiative, which aims to address the skilled labor shortage in our industry. We have empowered the next generation of builders and leaders through partnerships with local schools, our registered apprenticeship program, and community outreach.

Additionally, our Safety Excellence Awards recognized companies that have gone above and beyond to maintain the highest safety standards, reinforcing our commitment to creating a safe and healthy work environment for all.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am confident we will continue building on this momentum. We remain focused on fostering innovation, advocating for fair and open competition, and providing our members with the resources and support they need to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we are building a brighter future for our industry and our community.

Warm regards,



*Peter M. Dyga*

Peter M. Dyga, CAE  
President & CEO

Associated Builders and Contractors Florida East Coast Chapter  
ABC Institute Apprenticeship College  
ABC Cares Foundation  
ABC Service Corporation

**ADVOCACY | EDUCATION | NETWORKING**

## MISSION STATEMENT

ABC provides a unified voice for the construction industry, utilizing the Merit Shop philosophy to deliver profitable work safely and ethically.



## OUR VALUES

### LEADERSHIP

To provide leadership and be the recognized voice of the construction industry in the association's geographic region;

### INTEGRITY

To promote integrity and ethics through the merit shop philosophy;

### EDUCATION

To develop and improve education and training in the construction industry at all levels;

### CAMARADERIE

To provide a forum for common exchange and camaraderie through membership, services and networking;

### FREE ENTERPRISE

To Advance The Merit Shop Construction Philosophy, Which Encourages Open Competition And A Free Enterprise Approach That Awards Contracts Based Solely On Merit, Regardless Of Labor Affiliation; And,

### INFLUENCE

To advance the best interests of the association's members and the construction industry by encouraging and facilitating participation and influence in the political process.



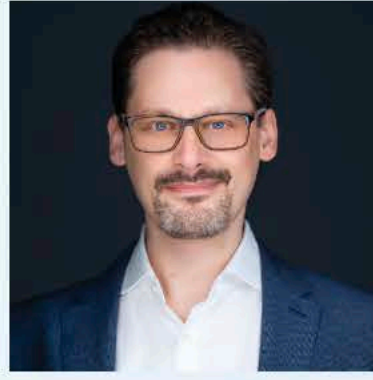
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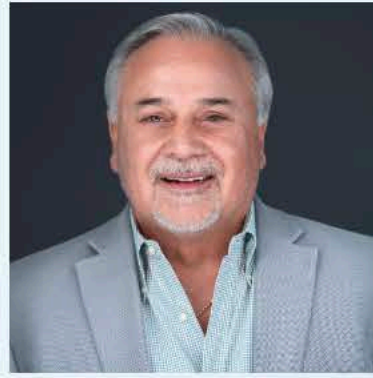
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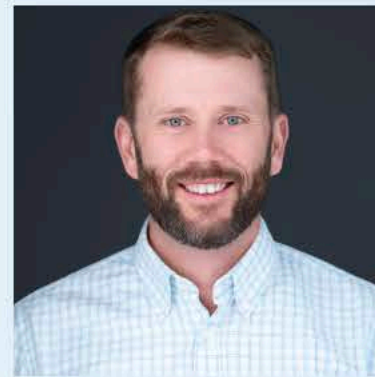
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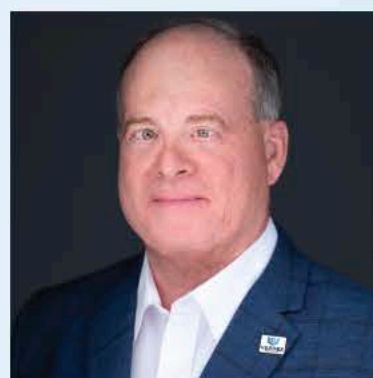
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Moss  
Ex-Officio

# MEMBERSHIP

## BEAM CLUB

BEAM Club is a national program created to reward chapter volunteer leaders and members for their efforts in growing ABC's membership. Members are awarded into the Beam Club at different levels for the number of members they have sponsored/referred to ABC.

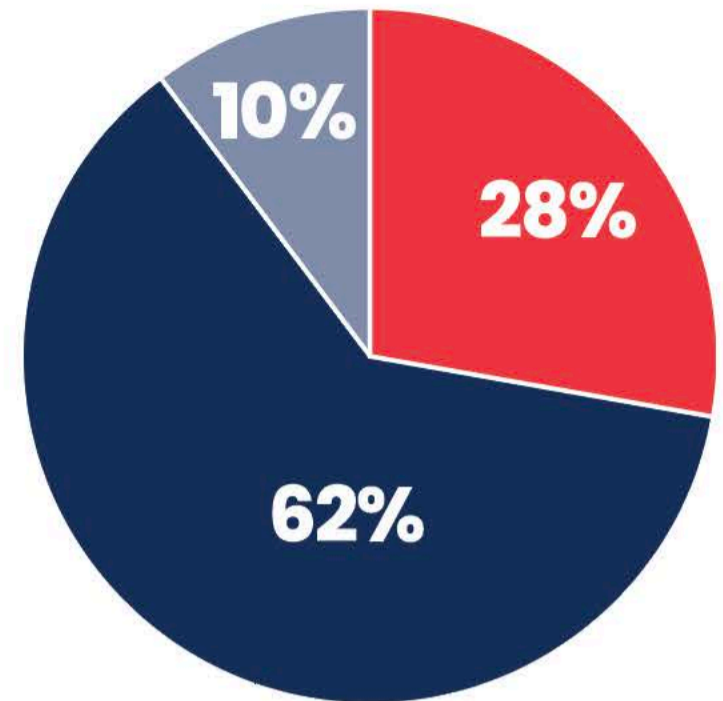


# 85.3%

of our contractor members renewed their ABC membership in 2024

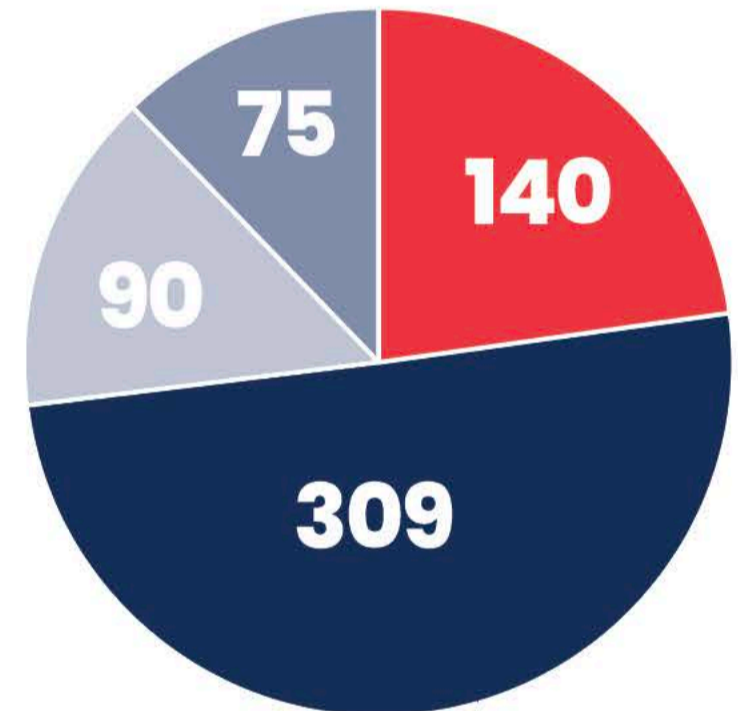
# Strength In Numbers

## CONTRACTORS



GC/CMS Specialty Others

## CONTRACTOR BASE



GC/CMS Specialty Contractors Suppliers Associates

# 8<sup>th</sup>

## LARGEST CHAPTER

IN THE NATION

# MEMBER BENEFITS



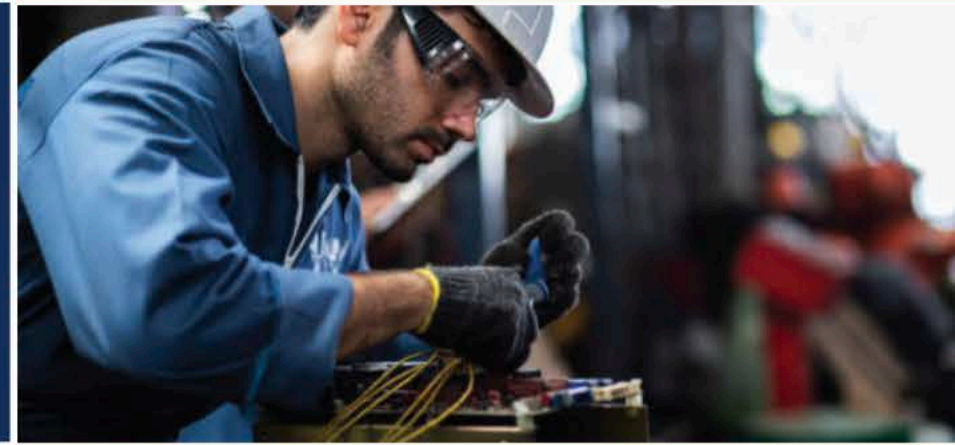
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Total ABC Membership in 2024



**111**

New ABC Members in 2024



ABC Florida East Coast has a **Net Promotor Score of 79.59%**, according to our 2024 Membership Demographics and Satisfaction Survey data.

## » DID YOU KNOW:

- In 2024, our local Members saved a total of \$586,000 utilizing our discount programs.
- Our Chapter members saved over \$273,000 using just one of our discount programs!
- ABC kept construction open during Covid when many wanted you to close.



**2024**

## NEW MEMBERS

360 Recreation • 4est Construction, LLC • Absolute Hardwood Flooring • Action Labor • Advanced Work Vans • AES Portable Sanitation, Inc • All Phase PBC • Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. • Allied Hurricane Solutions • Alpadex Plumbing LLC • AMDI USA Inc. • AMERICARIBE • Apollo Electric • Autodesk • Axis Portable Air • Berkel & Company • Bergolla, Inc. • BrandSafway Solutions, LLC • Breig Electric and Consultants • Buch Construction • CAMCON Group • Cami-Axle Construction • Cardella Construction Company • Carsan Electric Corp • Ceiba Groupe • Century Fire, Inc. • CMVC Power Unlimited Corp. • Condesa Kitchens, Inc. • Cooper Construction & Development • Critical Components, Inc. • Custom Pool Systems • DC Green, LLC • D'Celis Construction, Inc. • Deluxe Waterproofing & Caulking, Inc. • Di Pasqua Construction, Inc • eBacon • Edson Deep Foundations • ELA Florida • Electrical Consulting Services, Inc. • Eternal Turf Artificial Grass LLC • Fenagh Engineering and Testing • Finish Line Staffing, LLC • Frontline Fall Protection • Gatsby Glass • Glass Design of Miami • Gomez Construction Company • H&CO, LLP • Harm Reduction Center • Hayes Construction Group, LLC • Highbury Concrete Florida LLC • Image & Creativity • Imperial Flooring Solutions • Intertek-PSI • J Warren Construction Company • Kibler Construction • King Intelligence and Security Services, Inc • KPA, LLC • LTG Carlson Fence, LLC • MAG Construction, Inc. • Marand Builders, Inc. • Master Plaster, Inc. • McFarland Electrical Services, Inc. • McGriff Insurance Services • Mid-State Mechanical Contractors • Modern Containment Systems • Mohawk Group • National Stucco Works LLC • NEFCO Construction Supply • Nichols Contracting, Inc. • Nova Design Builders • Paramount Depot, LLC • PC Building, LLC • Persons Services Corp • Plumbing Inc. • Polygon US Group • Pour Strip 0 • Power Bolt and Tool • Precision Building Products • Precision Roofing Corporation • RCX Tilt-Up Construction, Inc. • Reach Services, LLC • Red Work Ahead LLC • Resource South Florida Inc. • Reynolds Painting Group FL • RSC, Inc. • Ryan Companies US, Inc. • Samurai Concrete Cutting Corp • Silva Structures Inc. • Sims Crane & Equipment • Smart IOT Systems • Sobey Networks • Southmost Drywall, Inc. • Spectra Contract Flooring • Stanford & Sons Trucking Corp. • Stanley Steemer of South Florida • Stone Systems of South Florida • Suddath • Sunshine State Electric of Florida, Inc. • Superior Mix Corp • SYZGY Global • TAS Concrete Construction, LLC • Temporary Wall Systems Southeast Florida • Thompson Safety • Trump Group Construction Inc • Trusstor • Tua Minority Builders, LLC • Urban Solar • Valben Construction • Vanguard Doors & Hardware • VOS CPAs, PLLC • Your Way Concrete Development, Inc.

*Thank You!*

for being a member of our ABC family

# MEMBER SAVINGS



CHAPTER MEMBERS **SAVED**  
**\$586,496**



**Don't Leave Money  
On The Table!**

## ABC MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS



**Lowe's Pro**  
**\$273,261**

M.E. Construction  
saved \$107,000



**FedEx**  
**\$216,362**

Acrisure LLC formerly Nielson  
& Company saved \$90,727



**Exxon**  
**\$75,886**

A&P Air Conditioning  
saved \$45,105



**Nissan**  
**\$13,500**

Average savings \$1,500;  
Hypower saved approx. \$6,000



**Vestis Uniforms**  
**\$7,500**

AA Advanced Air saved \$3,192



**Verizon**  
**\$230**  
**/per qualifying line**

Average savings per member

## BUILDING SUCCESS

15 FEC MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AS  
**2024 ABC TOP PERFORMERS**



ABC-FEC celebrates 15 member companies for earning recognition on the 2024 ABC Top Performers list. This prestigious honor highlights contractors who excel in safety, quality, workforce development, and corporate responsibility. Their dedication strengthens the industry and sets the standard for excellence.

Among the honorees, four FEC members earned this distinguished recognition: Hypower, LLC, William R. Nash, LLC, Southeast Mechanical Contractors, and Rush Construction, Inc. Additionally, 11 FEC members headquartered outside our territory were also recognized, including Hensel Phelps, Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Balfour Beatty US, Haskell, W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company, Robins & Morton, Suffolk Construction Company, Inc., Kenpat, The Weitz Company, Ajax Building Company, LLC, and R.C. Stevens Construction Company.

These companies exemplify ABC's high standards in safety, quality, and workforce development, demonstrating their commitment to the future of construction.

*Congratulations to all!*

**SCAN QR CODE** to view all Membership Business Discounts included in your ABC-FEC Membership >



# ABC EVENTS



**187** (31%)  
SPONSOR  
COMPANIES



**40%** SPONSORSHIP  
REVENUE

Chapter events had a 40% increase in sponsorship support from 2023



**91** TOTAL  
EVENTS

Broward County	29
Miami-Dade/Keys	12
Palm Beach County	8
Space/Treasure Coast	10
Tallahassee	1
Committee Meetings:	31

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

**74.5%**  
of our membership participated in at least one event

**7,564**  
87.5% were members

**450**  
Total Member Companies event participation

- ABC's 2nd Tuesday Networking event averaged **7** sponsoring companies and **147** attendees per event.
- 2024 Fall GC Showcase saw **788** attendees, a **14.3%** increase from 2023 and **19.8%** from 2022.
- ABC's Fishing Tournament has grown to be the largest backcountry fishing tournament in Islamorada (**40** boats entered into the competition in 2024, with over **100** anglers)

### Beneficiaries of Money Raised Through ABC-FEC Events Throughout 2024:

ACE Mentorship Program of Greater Fort Lauderdale  
Broward Health Foundation • ABC PAC  
ABC Institute • ABC Cares Foundation



### EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS:

CONSISTENT GROWTH IN PARTICIPATION & PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

- Intent to Compete submissions: **116**
- Full applications received: **110**
- Winners of Eagle or Pyramid: **92** projects/**49** companies



# SAFETY: A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR 2025

Occupational Health and Safety achieved remarkable success, strengthening our safety culture and industry presence while laying the groundwork for an even stronger 2025. We've reinforced our commitment to safety excellence through dedicated initiatives, expanded training, and active member engagement.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024

- 1 STEP PARTICIPATION GROWTH**  
Increased participation from 2024 by 52% (to 76 members), which ranks 5th in the nation, through targeted videos and outreach.
- 2 OSHA TRAINING CLASSES**  
Certified 111 OSHA 10 graduates through English, Portuguese, and Spanish classes.
- 3 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES EXPANSION**  
Enhanced job site services through safety inspections, quality control, RFIs, subcontractor performances, and project reviews.
- 4 NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS**  
Introduced courses for New Hire Orientation, Construction Basics, Project Management, Procore Introduction, and Blueprint Reading
- 5 SAFETY BREAKFAST SERIES**  
Hosted six editions promoting safety culture, networking, and discussions on industry trends.
- 6 ABC FEC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Recognized Moss Construction as Safety General Contractor of the Year and Tri-City Electrical as Safety Sub-Contractor of the Year.
- 7 3-3-3 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**  
Launched construction careers with training in blueprints, construction techniques, OSHA 10, and hands-on skills in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and sprinklers. 58 students obtained certification.



**SERVICES AVAILABLE IN:**  
English • Spanish • Portuguese



## SAFETY SERVICES ON YOUR SCHEDULE

We are here to help you **at your job site**. We come to you. Our co-signature services validate and support your existing safety protocols, ensuring compliance and peace of mind for both employees and management.

Services in English, Spanish and Portuguese:

- OSHA 10 AND OSHA 30 (\$125-\$200)
- INCIDENT/ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS (STARTING AT \$100)
- WRITTEN SAFETY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (STARTING AT \$300)
- NEW HIRES FIRST TRAINING (STARTING AT \$300)
- HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLANIFICATION (STARTING AT \$250)
- JOBSITE SAFETY PLANS (STARTING AT \$300)
- FALL PROTECTION, SCAFFOLD, CONFINED SPACES

CONTACT US NOW FOR A  
CUSTOMIZED QUOTE



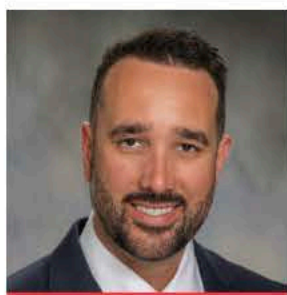
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# MEMBER TESTIMONIALS



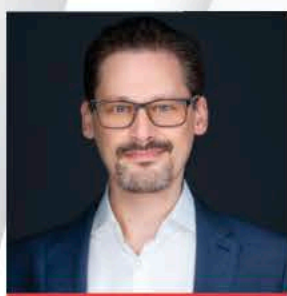
I have been a Member of ABC-Florida East Coast Chapter for several years. In that time, we saw our business grow not only because of the referrals of new clients but also because of referrals to professional trade vendors in the industry, which allowed us to provide exceptional service to our new and existing clients.



Jorge Lopez, President  
Waypoint Contracting, Inc.



Our involvement with ABC has opened doors for growth and strengthened our communications with the local construction community. We've gained new opportunities and valuable insights through networking and events and built meaningful business relationships and lifelong friendships. ABC's political advocacy efforts help strengthen an environment that supports our industry, while ABC CARES FOUNDATION gives us the opportunity to give back to those who make all projects possible during times of hardship. Being part of ABC means being part of something bigger—an industry and community that grows stronger through our members.



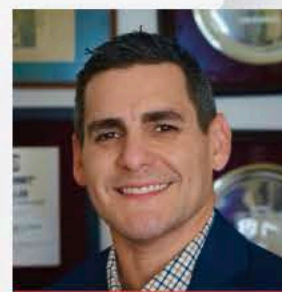
Steven V. Sanko, Chief Executive Officer  
Dash Door & Glass



At MasTec, we are proud to be longstanding members and active participants in ABC and the ABC Institute. Our participation with ABC Institute has supported our company's growth, workforce development, and commitment to excellence. One of the most significant benefits of our involvement with ABC is access to the high-quality training and education provided by the ABC Institute. The programs offered are instrumental in preparing the next generation of skilled workers and ensuring they meet the rigorous standards required in our field.

In addition to workforce development, ABC provides a platform for advocacy and networking. The association's efforts to represent the interests of merit-based contractors at local, state, and national levels help to create a fair and competitive environment for companies to thrive. Furthermore, ABC's events and initiatives foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among industry peers, ultimately strengthening our industry.

We remain committed to supporting their mission, knowing that their work directly contributes to the strength and sustainability of our workforce and the industry at large.



Israel Silva,  
Training Manager  
MasTec Utility Services  
– Southeast Region



ACCORDING TO A COMPETITIVE EDGE RESEARCH  
& COMMUNICATION MARKETING STUDY:

The average contractor member has landed **4.7** projects via ABC relationships.



# BUILD TOMORROW

ABC Institute Apprenticeship College is the single **LARGEST APPRENTICESHIP EDUCATION PROVIDER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.**

We offer **7** trades on **10** campuses throughout the state.

## 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

- ✓ The average age of enrolled students during the 2023/24 academic year was lowered from 34 to 28.
- ✓ **6,819** Apprentices impacted from 2011-2024

## KEY EVENTS AND MILESTONES

- ✓ Top Awardee to the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities (PCOG) Grant for the sixth time (\$850,000).
- ✓ Recognized by U.S. Senator Rick Scott for excellence in apprenticeship education and contributions to Florida's economy and construction industry.
- ✓ Outreach to 40 local schools and community programs.
- ✓ Four students were selected to participate in the National Craft Competition in Las Vegas.
- ✓ Linemen instructors and students served to restore electrical services during the 2024 Hurricane Milton.
- ✓ **400+** students successfully completed pre-apprenticeship programs, equipping them with the skills to excel in entry-level construction jobs. To learn more, email us at [info@WeTrain.org](mailto:info@WeTrain.org).
- ✓ Completed two pre-apprenticeship courses sponsored by the Mandelblatt Grant.
- ✓ **300+** students received safety equipment donated by Milwaukee.
- ✓ Distributed **1000** copies of the children's book "Grit Leads to Greatness"



**\$50,000 INVESTED**  
Updating & Modernizing  
Classroom Technology



**45 GRADUATES**  
Had A 100% Attendance



**HIGHEST OPEN-RATE**  
Newsletter In ABC-FEC

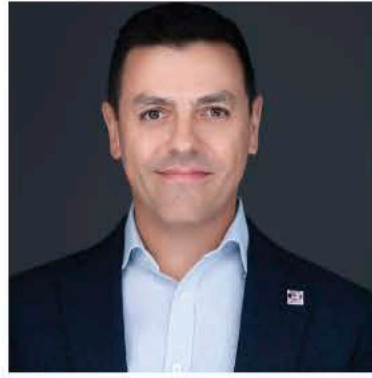
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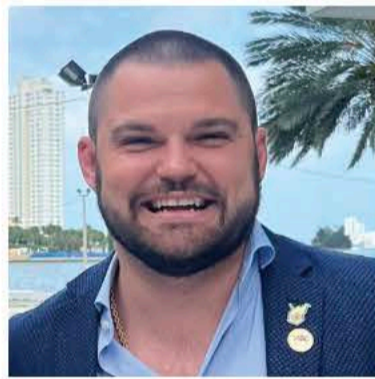
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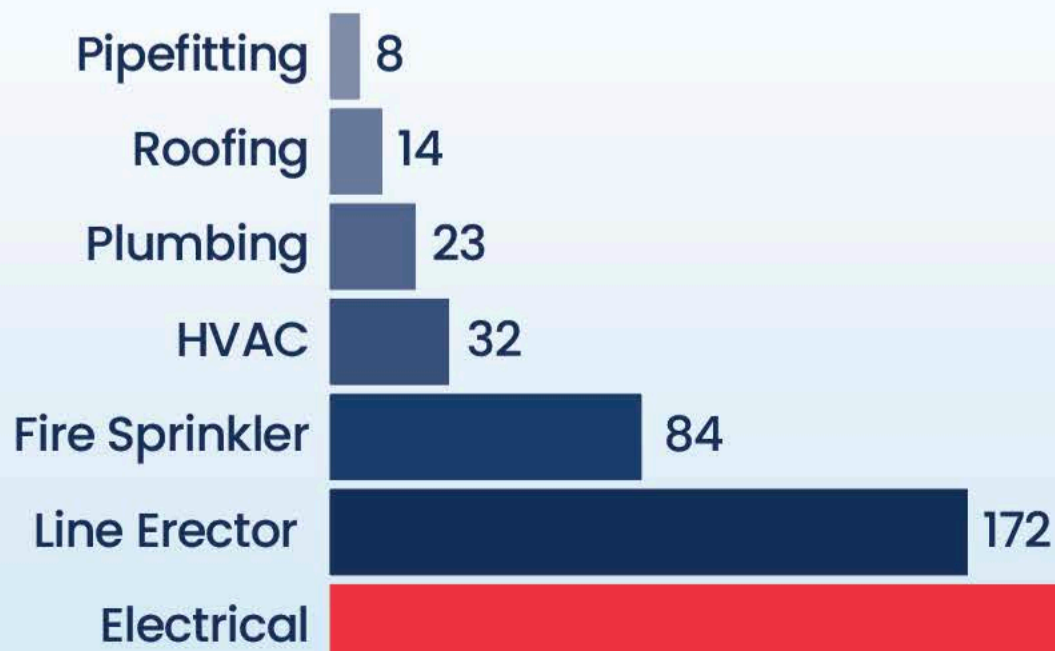
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WSFL CHANNEL 39'S:  
**Inside South Florida**



**810** ACTIVE STUDENTS



STUDENTS  
**ENROLLED BY TRADE**

477



# ABC Cares Foundation

The *Heart* of ABC

Thanks to compassionate donor generosity ABC Cares Foundation, the charitable affiliate of Associated Builders and Contractors - Florida East Coast, provides financial assistance to construction professionals and their families during challenging times.

ABC Cares Foundation strives to uplift and protect the physical and mental well-being of our construction community, offering access to mental health services, addiction treatment, and suicide prevention resources.

ABC Cares Foundation supports construction professionals and their families nationwide by rallying support for those impacted by devastating natural disasters like Hurricanes Helene & Milton, the Baltimore Bridge Collapse, and the Maui & Southern California wildfires.



**BUILT TO  
GIVE BACK**

**ABC CARES**

## TOTAL IMPACT

Direct Support

**\$414,700** +

Disaster Relief

**\$436,100** +

Bicycles for Kids

**\$124,500** +

Mental Health

**\$62,500** +

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## CASES OF NEED



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## MENTAL HEALTH

ABC Cares Foundation strives to uplift and protect the physical and mental well-being of our construction community, offering access to mental health services, addiction treatment, and suicide prevention resources.



## NATIONAL IMPACT

ABC Cares Foundation supports construction families nationwide, providing aid after disasters like Hurricanes Helene & Milton, the Baltimore Bridge Collapse, and the Maui & SoCal wildfires.



**100%**  
OF FUNDS

Go Directly To Regional ABC  
Chapters In Affected Areas

# CHAPTER STAFF



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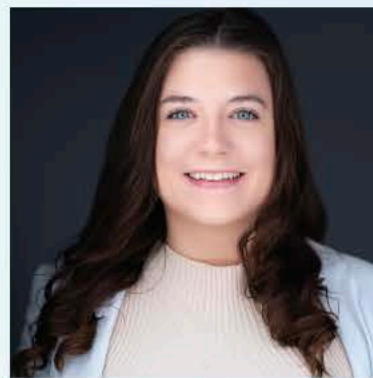
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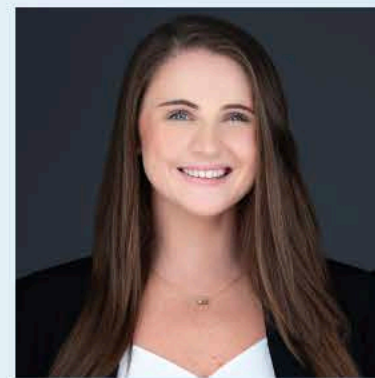
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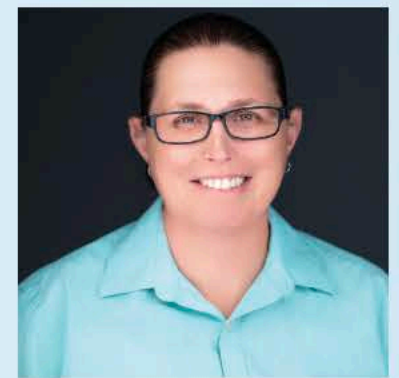
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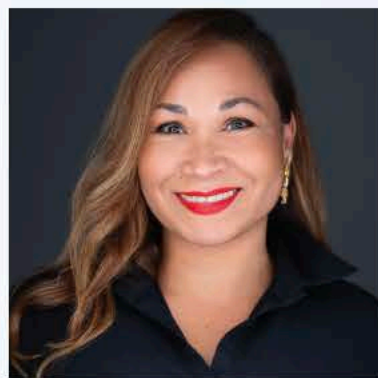
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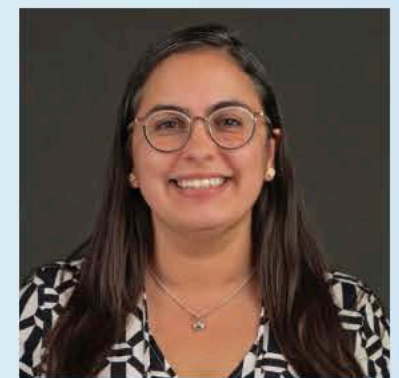
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Executive Assistant



**Tim Rumph**  
Maintenance



**Michael Tucker**  
Bookkeeper

# COMMUNICATIONS

In 2024, the Communications Department doubled its external communications efforts. While media relations remained a relevant part of our communication plan, we focused on growing the audience on all our companies' social media feeds.

This way, we can better reach and serve our membership, the construction industry, and those who have explicitly chosen to receive our message.



## TOTAL AUDIENCE

**21,587**  **10.9%**

Net Audience Growth: **2,245**

## TOTAL IMPRESSIONS

**2,025,724**  **113.8%**

## TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS

**113,191**  **5.3%**

# THE BVIOUS

Presented By:



ABC-FEC launched The Obvious Podcast, hosted by CEO Peter Dyga and COO Sonny Maken. Each 20-minute episode gives listeners a quick overview of the week's most pressing issues. It cuts through the clutter of conflicting information to deliver clear, concise insights. The Obvious is available on all major podcast platforms and on YouTube.



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new episodes



## Open/Click Rates

**EXCEEDED  
THE INDUSTRY  
AVERAGE**

## ABC NEWSLETTERS

ABC-FEC regularly publishes five newsletters as an exclusive benefit to our members. For the 2024 calendar year, their open and click rates exceeded the industry average.

The program was so successful that newsletters on Safety and ABC Cares were added for 2025.

## 2024 MEDIA RELATIONS

- ✓ ABC-FEC executives published Op-Eds in *The Palm Beach Post* and *Sun Sentinel*.
- ✓ ABC-FEC was featured in 30+ news outlets, including *South Florida Business Journal*, *Miami Herald*, *Florida Politics*, *The Real Deal*, *Construction Dive*, *WPLG Channel 10*, and *WSFL Channel 39*.
- ✓ Media efforts highlighted ABC-FEC's influence in legislative advocacy, shaping policy, and driving economic impact.

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

## 2024 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

### ✓ CANDIDATE INFLUENCE

ABC in Florida spent \$762,195 supporting local candidates. ABC-FEC saw a 93.8% success rate in the November 5th elections, with 45 of 48 endorsed candidates winning. This underscores our strong advocacy for pro-Merit Shop policies.

In 2024, ABC-FEC attended 143 meetings/tours with federal, state, and local officials, advocating for apprenticeship training and workforce development. Successful Leg Con events were held in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. and included meetings with key leaders, such as U.S. Senator Rick Scott, many members in the U.S. House of Representatives, including Chairwoman Virginia Foxx of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Florida state leaders, and local officials, reinforcing our commitment to pro-industry policies.

### ✓ LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES

ABC-FEC successfully **defeated the Miami Heat Ordinance**, which sought to impose additional construction regulations despite existing OSHA protocols. With the support of Senator Rene Garcia and Miami-Dade leaders, we protected industry standards and ensured regulatory balance.



### ✓ AWARENESS

For the second consecutive year, ABC-FEC was included in the Congressional Record. On November 19, Congressman Jared Moskowitz recognized ABC-FEC and ABCI's efforts during National Apprenticeship Week, highlighting their impact on workforce development.



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## ELECTORAL MAIL PIECES

were sent to independent super-voters. Both endorsed candidates won in highly contested races.



The 2024 Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. Leg Con was a major success, with over 20 FEC Chapter Board and Legislative Committee members advocating for Apprenticeship and Workforce.

They held 30+ meetings with federal and state officials on industry priorities and workforce development, followed by 15 additional meetings in D.C., including leadership discussions.



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## *House of Representatives*

### RECOGNIZING

the Associated Builders & Contractors Florida East Coast  
and the Associated Builders & Contractors Institute  
During National Apprenticeship Week

HON. JARED E. MOSKOWITZ  
of Florida  
in the House of Representatives

November 19, 2024

M. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Associated Builders & Contractors Florida East Coast and the Associated Builders & Contractors Institute (ABCI), which are both based in my District and provide not only my constituents but all of South Florida, the Treasure Coast, and some of the Space Coast with construction workforce. This week is National Apprenticeship Week, and recently, I had the opportunity to visit ABC Florida East Coast and ABCI to see first-hand the apprenticeship education program provided to my constituents in seven high-demand fields in construction.

ABCI is Florida's single largest apprenticeship provider out of hundreds of apprenticeship programs. More than 800 students are enrolled at ABCI, benefiting from state laws that keep education tuition-free and guarantee progressive wages. ABCI provides robust job placement services, helping students secure employment before completion and during their education journeys.

ABCI programs are accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, ensuring apprentices graduate with credentials recognized nationwide. Today in South Florida, there is much growth in population and commercial construction; the industry-driven curriculum is critical and is designed in collaboration with top industry leaders, so therefore, ABCI's programs meet the ever-evolving needs of the construction sector, producing highly skilled, growth-ready graduates.

As we commemorate National Apprenticeship Week, I'd like to once again recognize the Associated Builders & Contractors and ABCI for the positive impact apprentices have on the South Florida and American economies. ABCI's role in preparing the next generation of skilled workers is a testament to that success.

Jared Moskowitz  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



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